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Eighteenth Annual Meeting.

ACTS AND PROCEEDINGS

Of the Synod of the Potomac of the Reformed Church in the United States at its Annual Sessions, in Hanover, Pa., in the month of October, in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety. The Sessions commenced on the evening of the fourteenth and continued until the evening of the twentieth day of the month, inclusive, at 9 o'clock.

ARTICLE I.

OPENING OF SYNOD.

The Synod convened in the First or Emmanuel Reformed Church of Hanover, York Co., Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 14th, A.D. 1890, at 7 o'clock, agreeably to appointment of the last annual meeting, and was opened with appropriate religious services. The opening sermon, at the request of the retiring President, Rev. S. S. Miller, who recently removed within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod and became a member of said Synod, was preached by the Rev. Thos. J. Barkley, from Acts 17:28—"For in Him we live, and move and have our being." At the conclusion of the sermon the Synod was called to order, and formally opened with prayer. The Provisional Synodic Roll was then called, and a quorum was ascertained to be in attendance.

ARTICLE II.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

I. FROM THE CLASSIS OF ZION.

Ministers—Israel S. Weisz, D.D.³ Henry A. Bomberger, Isaac N. Peightel²¹ and Aaron Spangler.³

Elders—George Butcher,³ Peter C. Wiest, William Stuck and Israel Laucks.⁴

II. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MARYLAND.

Ministers—William Goodrich, U. Henry Heilman, E. Ranson Deatrick, George A. Whitmore, Samuel L. Whitmore, Henry Ditzler,¹ David A. Souders, T. Franklin Hoffmeier, Calvin S. Slagle and Anthony Shulenberger.³

Elders—David S. Firor, William Roulette, J. Harmon Remsburg, Goldsborough S. Griffith,¹ Ezra Williard,⁴ Andrew A. Hammar,⁵¹ David C. Hammett,⁶¹ John Gasman⁶ and Abraham H. Geiman.⁶¹

III. FROM THE CLASSIS OF MERCERSBURG.

Ministers—Franklin F. Bahner, Zwingli A. Yearick, Tilghman R. Dietz, George B. Russell, D.D., P. Allison Long and Jonas B. Shontz.

Elders—Daniel M. B. Shannon, George Dice, Samuel Hoeflich, Casper Wicke²¹ and Thomas G. Zarger.¹⁰¹

IV. FROM THE CLASSIS OF VIRGINIA.

Ministers—Samuel N. Callender, D.D.,¹ Josiah May, John A. Hoffheins, D.D., George G. Everhart and John T. Balliet.

Elders—William H. Bargelt,¹ John H. Bauserman and Daniel S. Rentch.⁵

V. FROM THE CLASSIS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

Ministers :—Paul Barringer and Peter M. Trexler.

VI. FROM THE CLASSIS OF GETTYSBURG.

Ministers :—Thomas J. Barkley, David N. Dittmar,¹ Ambrose C. Geary, John C. Bowman and John H. Hartman.

Elders :—Jacob L. Firor, William H. Adams,^b George N. Forney, James A. Lefevre ²¹ and Andrew H. Beitler.^{3j}

VII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF CARLISLE.

Ministers :—J. David Miller, William I. Stewart, Amos H. Kremer, D.D., and William H. Groh.⁴

Elders :—John B. Shulenberger, Jacob Wetzel, George A. Wagner and Elias B. Leiby.⁴¹

VIII. FROM THE CLASSIS OF JUNIATA.

Ministers :—R. Leighton Gerhart, Joseph H. Apple, D.D.,^j Cyrus J. Musser, John W. Pontius, Diodorus S. Dieffenbacher,¹ Robert O'Boyle¹ and Samuel C. Long.⁴

Elders :—George L. Freet,¹ Samuel Sprankle,¹ Samuel B. Fluke,¹ Benjamin Heffner and Levi S. Dougherty.

IX. FROM THE CLASSIS OF PORTLAND-OREGON.

No delegates present.

The figure at the end of a name indicates the session at which a delegate, who was not present at the opening of the Synod, took his seat.

The letters in their order indicate the session at which delegates obtained leave of absence.

Rev. J. O. Miller occupied, during the first two sessions of Synod, the seat afterwards occupied by the Rev. A. Spangler. Rev. A. M. Schmidt occupied the seat afterwards occupied by the Rev. A. Shulenberger, during the first two sessions of Synod, and during a couple of sessions, that of Rev. H. Ditzler whilst absent. Rev. W. M. Deatrick was admitted to the seat of Rev. G. B. Russell on Monday morning and occupied it during the last three sessions of the Synod.

ADVISORY MEMBERS PRESENT.

The following advisory members were present at one or more sessions of the Synod, to wit:

Zion's Classis.—Revs. Jacob O. Miller, D.D., Oliver P. Schellhamer and Elder Charles A. Shultz.

Maryland Classis.—Revs. Ambrose M. Schmidt, Conrad Clever, D.D., Edmund R. Eschbach, D.D., Joel T. Rossiter, Andrew T. G. Apple, John G. Noss, Silas M. Hench, Adam S. Weber, Henry F. Dittmar, Newton J. Miller, and Elders Edmund S. Everhart and James M. Girvin.

Mercersburg Classis.—Revs. William M. Deatrick, D.D., William C. Cremer, George W. Aughinbaugh, D.D., Sefellen E. Stofflet, and Elders John Bowman and Jacob Heyser.

Gettysburg Classis.—Revs. B. F. Bausman, Oliver F. Schaeffer, Walter E. Krebs, William H. Herbert, Francis S. Lindaman, Franklin A. Guth, Joseph D. Peters, and Elders Edgar Slagle, George W. Weaver and George W. Hartman.

Carlisle Classis.—Elder Conrad Keim.

Juniata Classis.—Rev. Henry F. Long.

Eastern Synod.—Revs. Charles G. Fisher, D.D., William M. Reily, Ph.D., Abraham B. Koplin, D.D., Thomas M. Yundt, Milton H. Sangree, Theodore Appel, D.D., Adam C. Whitmer and Henry T. Spangler.

Pittsburgh Synod.—Rev. Simon S. Miller.

MINISTERS OF OTHER CHURCHES.

The presence was announced from time to time of Revs. Daniel S. Schindler, D.D., D. J. Hauer, D.D., and Daniel Stock of the Lutheran Church.

ARTICLE III.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following members of the Synod were elected the Officers of the Synod for the current year, namely :

Rev. T. J. Barkley, *President*, Gettysburg, Pa.

Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Vice-President*, Middletown, Md.

Rev. W. M. Deatrick is *Stated Clerk*, Mercersburg, Pa.

Rev. C. J. Musser, *Corresponding Secretary*, Huntingdon, Pa.

Rev. S. L. Whitmore, *Reading Clerk*, Adamstown, Md.

Elder Edgar Slagle, *Treasurer*, Hanover, Pa.

ARTICLE IV.

RULES OF ORDER.

The Rules of Order were read by the Reading Clerk. The President then, agreeably to the Rules of Order, defined the *Bar of the House* to consist of the first nine pews from the chancel railing.

The following hours were fixed for the opening and closing of the sessions of the Synod, to wit: The morning sessions to open at 8½ and close at 11½ o'clock; the afternoon sessions to begin at 1½ and end at 4½ o'clock; and the evening sessions to commence at 7 o'clock.

ARTICLE V.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The President appointed the following Standing Committees, to wit :

Religious Services.—Revs. J. C. Bowman, J. H. Hartman, R. L. Gerhart, and Elders G. N. Forney and J. L. Firor.

Minutes of Synod.—Revs. W. M. Deatrick, P. M. Trexler, R. O'Boyle, and Elders P. C. Wiest and S. B. Fluke.

Minutes of General Synod—Revs. G. B. Russell, E. R. Deatrick, J. May, and Elders B. Heffner and J. L. Firor.

Overtures.—Revs. S. L. Whitmore, Z. A. Yearick, G. G. Everhart, and Elders J. B. Shulenberger and S. Sprankle.

Minutes of Classes.—Revs. J. D. Miller, J. W. Pontius, P. A. Long, J. H. Hartman, and Elders A. H. Beitler and J. A. Lefevre.

Examination, Licensure and Ordination.—Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. O. Miller, W. H. Grob, and Elders G. S. Griffith and W. H. Adams.

State of Religion and Statistical Reports.—Revs. J. B. Shontz, W. Goodrich, A. M. Schmidt, and Elders L. S. Dougherty and G. A. Wagner.

Education.—Revs F. F. Bahner, D. S. Dieffenbacher, P. Barringer, and Elders W. H. Bargelt and W. Stuck.

Missions.—Revs. C. S. Slagle, J. A. Hoffheins, J. D. Miller, and Elders S. Hoeftich and G. L. Freet.

Publication—Revs. I. S. Weisz, J. H. Apple, G. A. Whitmore, and Elders D. S. Firor and G. Butcher.

Finance.—Revs. U. H. Heilman, D. N. Dittmar, H. A. Bomberger, and Elders J. Wetzel and G. Dice.

Nominations.—Revs. A. C. Geary, C. J. Musser, D. A. Souders, and Elders W. Roulette and J. H. Bauserman.

Orphans' Homes.—Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, T. F. Hoffmeier, J. H. Hartman, and Elders G. N. Forney and G. S. Griffith.

Ministerial Necrology.—Revs. U. H. Heilman, H. Ditzler, W. I. Stewart, and Elders J. H. Remsburg and D. M. B. Shannon.

On Invested Funds.—Elders Henry M. Schmuck, Jacob N. Slagle and Melville E. Doll.

ARTICLE VI.

COMMUNICATIONS.

1. The Minutes of the Classes of Zion, Maryland, Mercersburg, Virginia, North Carolina, Gettysburg, Carlisle, Juniata and Portland-Oregon were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes for examination, except the Reports on the State of Religion and the Statistical Tables, which were referred to the Standing Committee on those subjects.

2. The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod was presented and read and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, for the purpose of being audited.

3. The Annual Reports of the Board of Education, the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, the Board of Visitors and the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., and the Treasurer's Report of the same institution were presented to Synod and read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education for further consideration.

4. The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, the Superintendent of Missions, the Treasurer of Home Missions and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were received, and severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for further notice.

5. The Annual Report of the Publication Board of the Reformed Church was laid before the Synod and read, after which it was referred to the Standing Committee on Publication for consideration.

6. The Annual Report of the Sunday-school Board was presented to the Synod, read and disposed of without reference. It will be found in its proper place.

7. A number of communications were received and referred to the Standing Committee on Overtures.

ARTICLE VII.
RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

The Synod, during its sessions, observed the following religious services, to wit:

1. The sessions of each day were severally opened and closed with appropriate religious services.

2. The Standing Committee on Religious Services reported as follows, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your Committee on Religious Services begs leave to report the following appointments for services:

EMMANUEL REFORMED CHURCH.

Wednesday Evening.—Sunday-school Anniversary—Elder G. S. Griffith to preside. Liturgical Services by Revs. W. Goodrich and J. B. Shontz. First topic: What is the relation of the Sunday-school to the Church and the Family? by Revs. R. O'Boyle and Z. A. Yearick. Second topic: What is the Church member's obligation to work in the Sunday-school, and how can they be induced to engage in it? by Revs. W. I. Stewart and O. P. Schellbamer.

Thursday Evening.—Educational Meeting—Rev. W. C. Cremer to preside. Liturgical Services by Revs. A. H. Kremer and J. A. Hoffheins. First address: The needs of our educational institutions, by Rev. W. I. Stewart. Second address: The mutual relation that holds between the membership of the Church and our educational institutions, by Rev. A. T. G. Apple.

Friday Evening.—Synodical Session. Liturgical Services by Rev. E. R. Deatrick. The Endowment Committee submitted its final report, announcing the completion of the Theological Professorship Fund, and the naming of a Professor to occupy the chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., by the Synod.

Saturday Afternoon.—Preparatory Services. Liturgical Services by Revs. S. S. Miller and G. G. Everhart. Sermon by Rev. J. H. Apple.

Saturday Evening.—Missionary Anniversary. The President of Synod to preside. Liturgical Services by Revs. G. W. Aughinbaugh and D. S. Dieffenbacher. First topic: The work of Missions, the primary work of the Church, by Rev. I. N. Peightel. Second topic: How best to develop the Spirit of Missions in the membership of the Church, by Rev. S. L. Whitmore.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Liturgical Services, by officers of Synod and Revs. A. H. Kremer, J. A. Hoffheins and W. Goodrich. Sermon by Rev. U. H. Heilman.

Sunday Afternoon.—Sunday-school Services. Addresses by Revs. J. B. Shontz, G. G. Everhart and R. L. Gerhart.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. R. L. Gerhart. Liturgical Services by Revs. S. C. Long and T. R. Dietz.

OTHER CHURCHES.

TRINITY REFORMED CHURCH.

Saturday Evening.—Preparatory Services. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Pontius.

Sunday Morning.—Holy Communion. Sermon by Rev. P. Barringer.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. G. G. Everhart.

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. I. N. Peightel.

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. S. L. Whitmore.

Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. C. J. Musser.

METHODIST CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. P. A. Long.
Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. H. Kremer.

UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier.
Sunday Evening.—Sermon by Rev. A. Shulenberger.

DUB'S REFORMED CHURCH.

Sunday Morning.—Sermon by Rev. W. H. Groh.
Respectfully submitted, J. C. BOWMAN, Chairman.

ARTICLE VIII.

MINUTES OF SYNOD.

The reading of the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting publicly before the Synod was dispensed with, and the printed "Acts and Proceedings" of the last annual sessions of the Synod were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Synod, to report such items of business as properly claimed the consideration of the present meeting of the Synod. During the session of Wednesday afternoon this Committee presented its report, which was received, considered item by item, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF SYNOD.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your committee, to whom the Printed Minutes of the Synod of last year were referred for examination, begs leave, after careful inspection of them, to report the following items, as in our judgment, claiming the consideration and notice of the present sessions of the Synod, namely:

Item 1, page 6. The usual Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology is appointed, whose duty it will be to report to the present meeting of the Synod; of which committee Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier is chairman.

Item 2, page 13. The item of the Maryland Classis appointing an Elder on a committee to install a minister as pastor of one of its pastoral charges, is referred to the officers of Synod, as it regards the point of irregularity, for examination, with instructions to report to the present meeting of the Synod.

Item 3, page 23. The Classes still in arrears on their apportionments on the debt on Mercersburg College, are urged to make payments as soon as possible.

Item 4, page 24. Action is adopted, provided the \$35,000 be raised for the endowment of the Synodical Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., by the time of the present annual meeting of the Synod, to immediately after the preparatory services for the Holy Communion in connection with this meeting, enter into an election of the incumbent of said chair.

Item 5, page 24. It will be necessary to nominate for election by the Eastern Synod, four members of the Board of Visitors and six members also of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., for the term of one year.

Item 6, page 24. It will be necessary for the Synod to fill by election the vacancies that are about to take place in the Board of Education of those whose terms of office expire at this meeting of Synod.

Item 7, page 24. It will be the duty of the Synod to elect three members of

the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, to fill the places of those whose term of service will end this month, and also to elect a member of said Board, to fill for two years, the vacancy caused by the removal of Rev. S. S. Miller beyond the limits of the Synod.

Item 8, page 39. The cause of Home Missions is renewedly commended to the kindly sympathy and favorable consideration of all our several Classes, pastors and people, asking their hearty co-operation and liberal support in the further prosecution of this blessed work.

Item 9, page 39. The matter of establishing additional Church Building Funds, the larger circulation of the *Missionary Herald*, the introduction of a Mission Day into our Sunday-schools, and the bringing of the Classical apportionments down to the individual members are all commended to the favorable consideration of the Classes, asking that they take such action as will secure the desired results.

Item 10, page 39. The several Classes are urged to put forth yet more strenuous efforts to secure the full amounts apportioned to them for Home Missions for the year just ended.

Item 11, page 41. It will be necessary to elect two members of the Synodic Board of Missions, in order to fill the vacancies in said Board, which are about to take place.

Item 12, page 43. Apportionments are made for Home Missions, Church Building Fund, Church Extension in Baltimore and Beneficiary Education, and assessments for Contingent Fund, Mercersburg College and Theological Seminary.

Item 13, page 44. Arrearages are noted on apportionments for Home Missions, Church Building Fund, Church Extension in Baltimore, Beneficiary Education, Harbor Missions and Bohemian Church, and on assessments for Contingent Fund, Mercersburg College, Theological Seminary, Wichita College and Deficit of Virginia Classis.

Item 14, page 45. It will be necessary to elect a member of Synod's Board of Trustees to fill the place of Elder M. E. Doll, whose term of office will end on the 1st of next January, agreeably to the charter.

Item 15, page 46. The complaint of Elders J. Fuss and D. S. Barnhart, of the Greencastle charge, against the action of Mercersburg Classis, in the case of Rev. G. B. Russell, is referred back to said Classis with instructions.

Item 16, page 48. The Synod respectfully overtures the General Synod to take certain action, with the view of securing harmony of action in the preparation of Sunday-school lessons in accordance with the historical and scriptural order of the church year.

Item 17, page 48. It becomes necessary to elect a member of the Sunday-school Board to fill the vacancy that will occur therein during the present sessions of the Synod.

Item 18, page 48. The Classes are required to furnish copies of their minutes and their statistical tables in a prescribed form.

Item 19, page 52. The Stated Clerk is directed to have twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the last annual meeting published.

Item 20, page 52. It becomes necessary to fill the vacancy about to occur in the Reformed Church Publication Board, by the expiration of the term of service of Hon. John Cessna.

Item 21, page 54. The special attention of the several Classes is called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and they are requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year, for the use of the Society.

Item 22. It will be necessary to assess three hundred dollars upon the Classes to meet the pledge of the Synod, made four years ago, for interest on Mercersburg College debt.

Item 23. It will also be necessary to apportion five hundred dollars upon the several Classes to meet the pledge of the Synod, made three years ago, for Church Extension in Baltimore City.

Respectfully submitted, W.M. M. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

For the action of Synod on item 1, see Article XXII., Ministerial Necrology; on item 2, see Article XIX., Church Government; on items 3 and 4, see Article XIII., Education; items 5, 6, 7, 11, 14, 17 and 20 were referred to the Standing Committee on Nominations to make the required nominations; items 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18 and 21 were referred to the Standing Committee on Minutes of Classes to ascertain the action of the Classes on those items; on item 13, see Article XV., Finance, and Article XIV., Missions; item 16 was referred to the Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod; on item 19, see Article XX., Publication; and items 22 and 23 were referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for apportionment.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE MINUTES OF GENERAL SYNOD.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of the General Synod reported during the session of Thursday forenoon. The report was received, disposed of item by item, amended, adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

This committee respectfully submits the following items culled from the Minutes of the General Synod, as having reference to this Synod, to wit:

Item 1, pages 78 and 79. The General Synod requests the District Synods, now acting independently of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions, to carry forward their work in such a manner as to open the way for the unification of Home Missionary operations under the Board of the General Synod, at the earliest practicable date, &c., &c.

Item 2, page 100. The District Synods are instructed to take such action as will bring the cause of Foreign Missions more prominently before the members of our churches and induce them to contribute more liberally towards its support.

Item 3, page 121. The Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church, in the United States, is again commended to the District Synods, and they are requested:

1st, To urge upon their Classes to take such action as shall best bring the importance of the Society's claims to the notice of the people and elicit their hearty support.

2d, To urge also that special account be made of the fact that the coming year will be the Centennial year of the Society's founding and organization by making special efforts to increase the sum of its invested fund, and to call forth more liberal collections to meet its current needs.

Item 4, page 128. The General Synod referred the overture of this Synod, taken at the last annual meeting, in reference to the preparation of Sunday-school Lessons in accordance with the scriptural and historical order of the church-year, to the International Sunday-school Convention, that assembled soon afterward in Pittsburgh, Pa., with the earnest request to provide in the International Lessons, selections suitable to the Historical Festivals of Christianity—Christmas, Good Friday, Easter, Ascension Day and Pentecost, and assign them each year to their respective Lord's days.

Item 5, page 132. The General Synod, by an overwhelming vote, refused to sustain the complaint of Theodore Koons and Henry S. Walek against the action of this Synod last year.

Item 6, page 133. The General Synod, by an overwhelming vote, sustained the complaint of the Rev. George B. Russell from the action of this Synod at its last annual meeting.

Item 7, page 136. The proposed new constitution was referred to a new committee, representing all the District Synods, for revision and improvement, &c.

Item 8, page 144. The Hymnal was allowed permissive use until final action be taken on it.

Item 9, page 158. The sum of \$486.20 is apportioned to this Synod for General Synod's contingent expenses.

Item 10, page 158. The sum of \$405.35 is apportioned to this Synod for Harbor Missions, and the money directed to be paid to the Treasurer of Home Missions of the General Synod.

Item 11, page 158. The District Synods are requested to pay one-half of their respective contingent expenses apportionments to the Treasurer of the General Synod within one year after the adjournment of the General Synod.

Item 12, page 169. The next meeting of the General Synod is to be held in St. Paul's Memorial Church of Reading, Pa., on Wednesday evening, May 24, 1893, at 7½ o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. RUSSELL, Chairman.

For the action of Synod on items 1 and 2, see Article XIV., Missions; on item 3, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12 were severally adopted; on items 9, 10 and 11, see Article XV., Finance.

ARTICLE IX.

OVERTURES.

The Standing Committee on Overtures presented its report at intervals, which was received and acted on item by item, subsequently adopted as a whole, and is as follows:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee on Overtures begs leave to report the following papers placed in our hands for examination, to wit:

Item 1. "A Biographical Sketch of John Williamson Nevin, D.D., L.L.D., by the Rev. A. R. Kremer, A.M.," is presented to the Synod for examination, together with a letter from the author.

Item 2. A communication from the Faculty of the Theological Seminary, at Lancaster, Pa., concerning the need of a building for the use of the Theological Seminary.

Item 3. Report of Rev. Theodore G. De Lyre, President of San Francisco Classis, concerning the abandonment of a separate existence of said Classis, and the transfer of its ministers and churches to the Portland-Oregon Classis.

Item 4. Catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College, Catawba College, Ursinus College and Allentown Female College.

Item 5. Report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphans' Home, at Womelsdorf, Pa.

Respectfully submitted, S. L. WHITMORE, Chairman.

For the action of the Synod on items 1 and 5, see Article XXI., Miscellaneous; on 2 and 4, see Article XIII., Education; and on item 3, see Article XIX., Church Government.

ARTICLE X.

MINUTES OF CLASSES.

The Standing Committee on the Minutes of Classes presented its report during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, disposed of item by item, amended and adopted as a whole. The report as adopted, is as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINUTES OF CLASSES.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potowmack: Your Committee on Minutes of Classes begs leave to present the following report. The Minutes of all the Classes, except San Francisco, for the past year have been placed in our hands. From these the following items have been obtained:

I. IRREGULARITIES.

1. Zion's Classis fails to use legal cap paper in the transmission of its minutes, as per instructions of Synod.
2. North Carolina Classis fails to use legal cap paper, to furnish marginal notes, and to page its minutes.
3. Portland-Oregon Classis, at a special meeting, transacted business without a quorum being present.
4. The same Classis placed an Elder on a Committee to ordain a Licentiate to the Gospel Ministry, and it appears that only one of the members of the committee was present at the ordination of the candidate.
5. The same Classis omitted to pronounce the Apostolic Benediction at the adjournment of the sessions at their annual and special meetings.

II REQUESTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

6. Portland-Oregon Classis overtures the Synod to dissolve the San Francisco Classis, and permit Portland-Oregon Classis to receive the remaining members and congregations under her jurisdiction.

III. APPEALS AND COMPLAINTS.

7. Rev. H. F. Long appeals from the action of Juniata Classis to Synod.

IV. SUBJECTS REFERRED TO THE CLASSES.

8. Juniata Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to it with the exception of the instructions to make its bonds from Beneficiary Students, payable to the Board of Education.
9. Virginia Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to it except apportionments, beyond Beneficiary Education, Contingent Fund of Synod and Theological Seminary.
10. The same Classis begs leave to inform Synod touching her deficiencies.
11. Maryland Classis took favorable action on all subjects referred to it.
12. North Carolina Classis accepts the apportionments of Synod, and commends the Society for Relief of Ministers.
13. Zion's, Maryland, Mercersburg, Carlisle, Gettysburg, Portland-Oregon Classes took favorable action on Synod's Standing Rules.
14. Carlisle, Gettysburg and Juniata Classes took favorable action in reference to increased circulation of church periodicals.
15. Carlisle Classis dissents from the action of Synod on the question of unpaid apportionments.
16. Items 8, 9, 10, 12, 15, 18 and 21, referred to your Committee from the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Synod, have been attended to by the several Classes.
17. Mercersburg Classis obeyed the instructions of Synod in the matter

concerning Rev. G. B. Russell, in the appointment of a committee, but postponed action until after the meeting of the General Synod, when further action became unnecessary in said case.

LICENSED, ORDAINED, RECEIVED AND DISMISSED.

18. Maryland Classis received the licentiate Henry F. Dittmar, from the Juniata Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry, the Rev. Andrew T. G. Apple, from the Juniata Classis, and the Rev. Warren J. Johnston, from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod; and dismissed the licentiate George G. Everhart to the Virginia Classis, the Rev. Simon S. Miller to the Clarion Classis, and the Rev. Marion L. Firor to the Lincoln Classis.

19. Mercersburg Classis received the Rev. Tilghman R. Dietz from the West Susquehanna Classis, the Rev. Sefellen E. Stofflet from the Schuylkill Classis, and the Rev. John F. Mackley, M.D., from the Lancaster Classis of the Eastern Synod.

20. Virginia Classis received the licentiate George G. Everhart from the Maryland Classis, and ordained him to the Holy Ministry.

21. North Carolina Classis received the Rev. Jesse Richards from the Tiffin Classis.

22. Gettysburg Classis licensed Stanley L. Krebs to preach the Gospel.

23. Carlisle Classis received the Rev. William H. Grch from the Lebanon Classis, and dismissed the Rev. Stewart U. Mitman to the East Pennsylvania Classis.

24. Juniata Classis received the Rev. Joseph H. Apple, D.D., from St. Paul's Classis, the Rev. James B. Stonesifer from the Somerset Classis; and dismissed the Rev. Charles W. E. Siegel to the East Susquehanna Classis, the Rev. David G. Klein to the Allegheny Classis, and licensed Henry F. Dittmar, and dismissed him to the Maryland Classis.

25. Portland-Oregon Classis ordained the licentiate Rudolph Staub to the Holy Ministry, and dismissed the Rev. Adolph H. Bauman to the Congregational Church of Oakland, Cal.

26. Maryland Classis transferred Harbaugh's Church and congregation, in Franklin Co., Pa., to the Mercersburg Classis, which was received accordingly.

VI. PLACES AND TIMES OF THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE CLASSES.

27. Zion's Classis will meet in Mt. Zion Church, York County, Pa., May 8, A.D. 1891, at 7.30 o'clock P.M. Rev. A. Wanner, *President*; Rev. I. S. Weisz, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder C. A. Shultz, *Treasurer*.

28. Maryland Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Woodberry, Md., May 21, A.D. 1891, at 7.30 o'clock P.M. Rev. E. R. Deatrick, *President*; Rev. B. R. Carnahan, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. T. F. Hoffmeier, *Treasurer*.

29. Mercersburg Classis will meet in Heidelberg Church at Marion, Franklin County, Pa., May 21, A.D. 1891, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. F. F. Bahner, *President*; Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

30. Virginia Classis will meet in St. John's Chapel, Harrisville Charge, Shenandoah County, Va., May 20, A.D. 1891, at 8 o'clock P.M. Rev. J. T. Balliet, *President*; Rev. S. N. Callender, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. J. A. Hoffheins, *Treasurer*.

31. North Carolina Classis will meet in Bethel Church, East Rowan Charge, Stanly County, N. C., May 6, A.D. 1891, at 11 o'clock A.M. Rev. P. M. Trexler, *President*; Rev. G. Wm. Welker, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder H. A. Forney, *Treasurer*.

32. Gettysburg Classis will meet in Bender's Church, Adams County, Pa., May 21, A.D. 1891, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. W. H. Herbert, *President*; Rev. T. J. Barkley, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

33. Carlisle Classis will meet in Christ Reformed Church at Duuncannon, Perry County, Pa., May 28, A.D. 1891, at 8 o'clock P.M. Rev. Wm. R. H. Deatrich, *President*; Rev. J. David Miller, *Stated Clerk* and *Treasurer*.

34. Juniata Classis will meet in Trinity Reformed Church, Saxton, Bedford County, Pa., May 20, A.D. 1891, at 7.30 P.M. Rev. C. J. Musser, *President*; Rev. J. W. Pontius, *Stated Clerk*; and Rev. F. A. Rupley, *Treasurer*.

35. Portland-Oregon Classis will meet in the Reformed Church at Seattle, Washington, May 21, A.D. 1891, at 8 o'clock P.M. Rev. J. Lange, *President*; Rev. J. Muellhaup, *Stated Clerk*; and Elder J. A. Fischer, *Treasurer*.

Respectfully submitted, J. DAVID MILLER, *Chairman*.

Items 1, 2 and 5 were severally adopted, and the attention of those Classes called to the matter; item 3 was adopted and the Classis excused under the circumstances; item 4 was adopted and the attention of the Classis was called to the gross irregularity. For the action of Synod on items 6, 9, 10, and 15, see Article XIX., Church Government; on item 7, see Article XVI., Appeals. Items 8, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 to 35 were severally adopted.

ARTICLE XI.

EXAMINATION, LICENSURE AND ORDINATION.

The Standing Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

The Committee on Examination, Licensure and Ordination reports that no applicants for examination were referred to the committee.

Respectfully submitted, A. H. KREMER, *Chairman*.

ARTICLE XII.

STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICAL REPORTS.

The Standing Committee on the State of Religion and Statistical Reports submitted its report to the Synod during the session of Monday evening, which was received and adopted. The report is as follows, to wit:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION AND STATISTICS.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN: Your Committee on the State of Religion and Statistics beg leave to report, that we have carefully examined the reports of the various Classes of Synod, and the many encouraging reports in these papers far outweigh the feeble complaints which come to us from only a few charges.

Deep and touching are the tones of thankfulness to Almighty God which run through all these reports.

Thanks for the large degree of good health vouchsafed to both our ministers and our members.

Thanks for the abundant temporal blessings received by all within the bounds of our Synod.

Thanks for the continued and increased harmony prevailing in all our Classes and congregations. They speak to us of all these things in a manner that should cause our hearts to respond to God with deepest gratitude for granting us such a large measure of success.

It affords us great pleasure to report, that there has been a steady advance and improvement along all the lines of our church activities. Not any one department of church work has been neglected.

The reports speak of faithful family visitation, where pastors have come in touch with their members in a way that enabled them to learn of their habits and piety, as well as their temptations and sorrows and joys.

They speak of newly-established family altars, where morning and evening incense of prayer and thanksgiving go up to God. Also of family training.

The pastors have been faithful in the instruction of the young in the doctrines of our holy religion as set forth in the Heidelberg Catechism.

The confirmation of members has received due attention, and an increase over last year is reported.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has been regularly administered, and there has been an increased attendance on this Sacrament of about one thousand over that of last year. Pastors have urged attendance on this service, as well as on the week-day lecture and prayer-meeting.

The Sunday-schools of the Synod are spoken of as being in a flourishing condition and doing a noble work. They are aiding in the Christian instruction of the children of our families; and seeking the salvation of those who have no Christian home, but who live amidst wicked surroundings.

The power of the Gospel, as preached by our ordained ministers has been manifest, and the fruits of the Spirit have been gathered into the Church of our dear Redeemer.

Blessed and holy Communions and fellowships have been enjoyed by our pastors and people, and these have led to a closer and more intimate study of the Word of God, which has produced a manifest increase in the spirituality of our membership, indicating a healthy condition, that promises well for our work in the future.

These reports also breathe a spirit of encouragement in the material work of the Church. Quite a number of new churches of modern conveniences and fine architectural style have been erected and dedicated free of debt in the past year, while others have been remodeled and repaired; thus showing an increased love and regard for the house of God.

It is specially gratifying to report the large increase in benevolence. The increase has been gradual in past years, but the year just closed stands out as far ahead; \$40,000 more was raised for all purposes last year than in any previous year. The whole amount of last year is \$203,767.

This must be cheering news to every member of Synod, showing, as it does, that the day of small things for this Synod has gone by.

It is equally gratifying to learn that 1806 children have been engrafted into Christ by the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, indicating the continuance of the time-honored custom among the families of our church, and not a negligence of the sacrament as some would have us believe.

While the reports all speak most encouragingly, yet there are some regrets expressed that all our members have not done their full duty towards the church and their families; but these complaints are so faint that they cannot dampen the spirit of joy awakened by the wonderful blessings which God has bestowed upon us, as a Synod, in the past year.

A continuation of the earnest spirit of work and liberality in every section of the Synod, coupled with a firm trust in Jesus Christ, the Great Head of the Church, assures us of even greater success in the year upon which we now enter than in the year just closed.

Two of the fathers have passed from our ministerial ranks to their eternal reward, namely: Ferdinand E. Vandersloot, and Elias Welty, M.D., both members of the Virginia Classis, and both also well advanced in life. Further mention of these departed brethren in the Lord will appear in the Report on Ministerial Necrology.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. SHONTZ, *Chairman.*

(For the Statistical Tables, see Appendix.)

ARTICLE XIII.

EDUCATION.

The Board of Education submitted its annual report to the Synod during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and then referred for consideration to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows :

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Board of Education begs leave, through its Treasurer, to present the following annual report for the Synodical year just ended :

At the close of the last annual meeting of the Synod at Carlisle the members of the Board then in attendance, being a quorum, or majority, convened and effected an organization of the Board by the re-election of the officers of the previous year, to wit: Rev. Wm. C. Cremer as *President*, Rev. J. David Miller as *Secretary*, and Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick as *Treasurer*.

The Board is happy in being able to report that the past year has been a prosperous one, and that the work of the Board has gone forward with increasing success during the year just ended. The number of beneficiary students under the care of the Board, as well as the amount of funds contributed for the cause have both increased. One of the young men under our care, namely, Henry F. Dittmar, completed the prescribed course of training for the Christian ministry, was graduated from the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., last May, was regularly licensed by the Juniata Classis, to which he belonged as a student, and has since been ordained by the Maryland Classis, in one of whose pastoral charges he is now employed in discharging the duties of the ministry of reconciliation. Another, Mr. David W. Kerr, has withdrawn from the care of the Board as a beneficiary, having been promised adequate aid from relatives, and is now a member of the Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Still another, Mr. Raymond A. Plank, after having been under our care for the past year, has given up the preparation of the work for the ministry, and has commenced his studies for another of the learned professions.

During the past Synodical year, thirty-three young men have been aided in their work of preparing for the holy ministry with funds furnished your Board by the Maryland, Juniata, Virginia, Mercersburg, Carlisle, Zion's and Gettysburg Classes, as the Treasurer's Report will show.

Instead of the number reported in our last year's report to the Synod, provision must now be made for at least thirty beneficiary students. The Board, to its deep regret, had to deny aid to several applicants for lack of necessary funds. Your attention is respectfully called to the depleted condition of the treasury, the amount of funds on hand being much less than at any time during the last ten years, at the time of making our annual report to the Synod. The amount in the treasury is not half enough to enable the Treasurer to make the first payment to those beneficiary students who have as yet received nothing for the present scholastic year.

The young men under the Board's care at present are Thomas K. Cromer and Francis M. Line, *Seminary Seniors*; Atvill Connor, Jun., Daniel G. Hetrick, and E. William Stonebraker, *Seminary Middlers*; J. Philip Harner, Lewis T. Lampe, Homer S. May, and Paul M. Spangler, *Seminary Juniors*; George S. Gill, Louis C. Harnish, Frank L. Kerr, Otto K. Spessard, Louis C. Summer, and William R. Smith, *College Seniors*; J. Calvin Bolger, Ira L. Bryner, and Lewis P. Krome, *College Juniors*; William E. Bushong, Jacob S. Garrison, Joseph M. S. Iseuberg, Charles E. Wagner, William G. Welsh, and David J. Wolf, *College Sophomores*; and Amos T. Bennett, Charles E. Bushong, Henry

H. Hartman, F. J. Emil Muehe, Albert F. Nace, and John N. Wolff, less far advanced in their studies for the ministry.

The Treasurer of the Board thankfully acknowledges the receipt of the following funds for beneficiary education since our last annual report to the Synod, omitting dates of payment into the treasury, and summarizing them where there have been two or more contributions, and also including funds from Sunday-schools and individuals, so as to give the sum contributed by each charge respectively, except in the case of the Virginia and Gettysburg Classes, where the sources of the receipts were not furnished, to wit:

SYNOPSIS OF TREASURER'S REPORT.

Maryland Classis.

Third Reformed Church of Baltimore	\$100 00	Christ Church of Hagerstown Charge	20 00
First Reformed Church of Frederick	100 00	St. Paul's Ref. Church of Baltimore	15 00
First Reformed Church of Hagerstown	94 10	Silver Run Charge	14 00
Middletown Church	93 50	Woodberry Church	13 24
First Reformed Church of Baltimore	89 18	Christ's Church of Baltimore	12 00
Manchester Charge	50 15	Bonsboro' Charge	10 00
Taneytown Charge	49 00	Glade Charge	10 00
Clear Spring Charge	43 00	Union Bridge Charge	8 00
Mechanicstown Charge	30 70	Burkittsville Charge	6 00
Mount Moriah Charge	29 00	Fairview Church	4 30
Westminster Charge	28 00	Faith Church of Baltimore	3 00
Manor Charge	28 00		
Cavetown Charge	24 36	Making	\$894 53
Mount Pleasant Charge	20 00		

Juniata Classis.

Waterstreet Charge	\$ 98 00	Sulphur Spring Charge	35 00
First Reformed Church of Altoona	85 00	Schellsburg Charge	32 00
Martinsburg Charge	75 00	Everett Charge	30 00
Huntingdon Charge	59 00	Second Reformed Church of Altoona	20 00
St. Clairsville Charge	58 00	Friends Cove Charge	16 00
Yellow Creek	50 00	Orbisonia Charge	8 15
Greenfield Charge	48 00	Clear Ridge Charge	8 00
Bedford Church	45 00		
Dunnings Creek Charge	42 00	Making in all	\$709 15

Virginia Classis.

Per Treasurer of Classis	\$520 00	Mrs. E. J. Callender	5 00
Making			\$525 00

Zion's Classis.

Paradise Charge	\$ 92 75	Kreutz Creek Charge	39 98
Shrewsbury Charge	70 85	Dillsburg Charge	27 72
Trinity Charge	66 27	Grace Reformed Church of York	20 00
Zion's Reformed Church of York	55 49		
Trinity Reformed Church of York	50 00	Making	\$468 45
Heidelberg Church of York	45 31		

Carlisle Classis.

Zion's Charge	\$148 94	Sulphur Springs Charge	32 44
Carlisle Church	77 35	Duncannon Charge	24 50
Landsburg Charge	71 38	Mechanicsburg	10 70
Newburg Church	50 39		
New Bloomfield Charge	40 71	Making	\$456 41

Mercersburg Classis.

First Ref'd Church of Chambersburg	\$ 85 00	Second Ref'd Church of Chambersburg	15 00
Mercersburg Charge	70 00	Loudon Charge	10 02
Waynesboro' Charge	65 00	McConnellsburg	5 00
St. Paul's Charge of Waynesboro'	43 00	Interest on Stoudenour legacy	12 00
Mont Alto Charge	21 50		
Grindstonehill Charge	20 00	Making	\$369 52
Shippensburg Charge	20 00		

Gettysburg Classis.

Per Treasurer of Classis	\$150 00	Per Rev. J. C. Bowman	57 00
Making			\$207 00

RECAPITULATION.

<i>Summary of Receipts.</i>	<i>Paid to</i>	<i>Summary of Payments.</i>
Bal. in Treas. at last Report, Oct. 7, '89	\$535 36	Beneficiary Students, Maryland Classis \$1050 00
Received from Maryland Classis	894 53	" " Juniata Classis . 862 50
" " Juniata Classis	709 15	" " Virginia Classis . 550 00
" " Virginia Classis	525 00	" " Zion's Classis . 468 45
" " Zion's Classis	468 45	" " Carlisle Classis . 511 44
" " Carlisle Classis	456 41	" " Mercersb'g Classis 367 50
" " Mercersburg Classis	369 52	" " Gettysburg Classis 175 00
" " Gettysburg Classis	207 00	Paid for seal and press 6 00
Total receipts	\$4165 42	Postage and stationery 4 53
		Total payments \$3995 42
Balance in Treasury, Oct. 11, 1890		170 00
		\$4165 42

We do hereby certify that we have compared and carefully audited the account of Rev. William M. Deatrick, D.D., Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Synod of the Potomac, by vouchers, and find the same to be correct. The foregoing synopsis of the Treasurer's Report, together with the summaries of receipts and disbursements, is a faithful statement of the same. We accordingly find the balance in the Treasury to be \$170.00.

GEO. W. AUGINBAUGH, J. WM. KNAPPENBERGER.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MERCERSBURG COLLEGE.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College presented their annual report to the Synod, during the session of Wednesday forenoon, which was received and then referred to the Standing Committee on Education. The report is as follows :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College begs leave to submit to the Synod for consideration the following annual report.

The Board, at the annual meeting last June, at Mercersburg, organized by the re-election of the undersigned as *President*, Rev. B. R. Carnahan, as *Secretary*, and E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., as *Treasurer*. The Executive Committee of the Board consists of the aforementioned officers of the Board *ex-officio*, together with Rev. W. C. Cremer and Elder A. R. Schnebly.

The educational work of the College has gone forward during the past year, with a reasonable degree of success and prosperity under the continued management of the Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh, President of the College, assisted by competent teachers. The attendance has been about the same as the previous year. The general conduct of the students can be characterized as exemplary and commendable, and their progress has been such as to meet with the approbation of your Board. Two young ladies completed the prescribed course of study in the Female Department of the College last June, and were granted diplomas to that effect by the Board. Ten young men were fitted for the Sophomore Class, and at their request, were dismissed to Franklin and Marshall College, or the colleges of other denominations, to which their several parents belong, to continue their studies.

The Board thankfully acknowledges the receipt of three hundred dollars from the Treasurer of Synod, pledged by the Synod at Mercersburg, four years ago, for the past Synodical year, towards meeting the interest on the secured indebtedness of the College, which has been expended accordingly. One hundred and sixty-three dollars and eleven cents have likewise been received during the year, from the Synod's treasury on the pledges apportioned by the Synod in 1886 and '87, towards cancelling the indebtedness itself; still

leaving four hundred and ninety dollars and thirteen cents of said pledges to be paid. The Board has faithfully and carefully performed its part of the stipulated arrangements then made, and now and hereby most respectfully asks the Synod to see to it, that its solemn pledges be redeemed. The Board of Regents, at its annual meeting last June, adopted the following preamble and resolution anew, bearing upon this matter, thereby re-iterating its action of the previous year, to wit:

WHEREAS, The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College has fully complied with the conditions named in the actions of the Synod at Mercersburg, and at Mechanicsburg, appropriating a total sum of one thousand dollars to the payment of the debt of Mercersburg College; therefore,

Resolved, That the President of the Board be instructed to bring this fact to the attention of the Synod, at Hanover, in October next, and urge upon the Synod the performance of its promises in this particular.

Since our last annual report was rendered to the Synod, the Board has succeeded in cancelling nearly four thousand dollars of the indebtedness of the college, including accrued interest on the claim thus satisfied and wiped out; thereby reducing the claims against the college, which are mortgage and judgment claims for money advanced in 1881, when all the property of the college was in the hands of the sheriff of Franklin County, and was advertised to be sold at sheriff's sale, to a little less than five thousand dollars, the interest on these claims having been paid up to last Spring. Had the Synod furnished us with the balance still owing on the pledges above referred to, the entire indebtedness of the College would to-day be less than four thousand five hundred dollars. In this connection, it is proper to state, that Elder Samuel Whitmore, and wife, of Rockingham County, Va., and Rev. Dr. Aughinbaugh generously aided the Board in cancelling Rev. Dr. Higbee's claim, agreeably to the proposition which he made to the President of the Board, at the last meeting of the Synod, in Carlisle, Pa.

Considerable repairs had to be made to the Synod's property during the year, in repainting, etc. A number of the rooms in the College Building or Seminary, as it used to be called, have been put in excellent condition, and furnished with entirely new furniture, by means of the liberality of the congregations at Frederick, Chambersburg, the Manor Charge in Frederick County, Md., and one or more individuals. The Board hereby thankfully acknowledges the instrumentality of Elder Jacob Heyser in effecting these improvements in the rooms of the college, so that your Board has not been at any expense whatever in making them.

The Board has been all along carrying twenty thousand dollars fire insurance on the several buildings connected with the college, which has to be renewed before the end of this year, the arrangements to secure which have already been made.

In conclusion, we submit the desirability of an effort being made in the near future to cancel the remaining indebtedness resting upon Synod's property.

Respectfully submitted in behalf of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College.

October 15, 1890.

Wm. M. DEATRICK, President.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VISITORS OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Dear Brethren:—The undersigned respectfully presents to your honorable body the following as the annual report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary, for the year 1889-90.

At the opening of the Seminary in September, 1889, the following students were admitted to the Junior Class: *Henry H. Apple, Albert B. Bauman, Edgar*

Campbell, Atvill Conner, Jr., Charles E. Creitz, Daniel G. Hetrick, William M. Irvine, Charles H. Keller, N. Oliver H. Kershner, Gotthold A. Neef, Frederick A. Rupley, Jr., Charles E. Schaeffer, Isaac M. Schaeffer, Andrew H. Smith, George B. Smith, E. William Stonebraker, and Simon U. Waugaman. Of these, thirteen had graduated at Franklin and Marshall College, one at Princeton, one at Lehigh University, and the remaining two had studied at other institutions.

Of the nine students of the Middle Class reported last year, all returned to their places in the Seminary except *Edward C. Musselman*, who, on account of ill-health was compelled to be absent for the entire year. Mr. Henry D. Patton, a graduate of Waynesburg College, having sustained a satisfactory examination, was admitted as a regular member of the class.

The following members of the Senior Class, having completed their studies, and sustained a satisfactory examination in the presence of the Board, were regularly dismissed, and at the anniversary of the Seminary in May last, were awarded the usual Testimonials, with the exception of two of them, who received testimonials that they had pursued a partial course in the Seminary: *Daniel W. Albright, Thomas J. Bower, James R. Brown, Raymond E. Butz, Morris W. Christman, Abner S. Dechant, Harry F. Dittmar, Jonathan V. George, Irwin W. Hendricks, Stanley L. Krebs, Albert Lobach, Monroe M. Noacher, Miles O. Noll, George W. Richards, J. Lucian Roush and Elmer E. Weller.* Total 16.

Thus it will be seen that during the last year there were forty-two students in connection with the Seminary: seventeen in the Junior, nine in the Middle, and sixteen in the Senior Class, showing an encouraging increase in the number of candidates for the Holy Ministry.

Nothing of special importance occurred during the year requiring the action of the Board. The prevailing epidemic slightly interrupted the studies of the students for a short time. One of them, on account of ill-health, was under the necessity of discontinuing his studies for the year. Three felt it to be their duty to resort to teaching in order to secure funds to pay their expenses, during a part of the year.

The Board are of the opinion that the instructions in elocution should be continued during the present year, and request that arrangements be made to pay the salary of the teacher,—\$250 by the three Synods; \$100 by the Eastern Synod, \$75 by the Synod of the Potomac, and \$75 by the Synod of Pittsburgh.

It gives the Board much pleasure to report that the result of its supervision of the Seminary has been satisfactory. The professors, as far as known, have sought to discharge their duties in a satisfactory manner, and the conduct of the students, as well as their diligence in the prosecution of their studies have been such as to command them to their teachers. The examinations were approved as satisfactory, more so perhaps than usual by the Board. On the whole, the year has been one of more than usual prosperity to our School of the prophets, and the prospects for the future are also encouraging. The present year opens with forty-seven students on the roll. For all this, our thanks are due to the great head of the Church, who has thus enabled us to provide for the wants of the flocks committed to our care and keeping.

LANCASTER, PA., October 13, 1890. Respectfully submitted,

THEODORE APPEL, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

To the *Synod of the Potomac*: HARRISBURG, OCTOBER 8, 1890.

DEAR BRETHREN: I enclose a Synopsis of the Report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, and beg leave further to say:

Two meetings of the Board of Trustees were held during the year, one at

Lancaster, on the 8th of May, the other at Harrisburg on the 25th of September.

At the first meeting the following members were present: D. W. Gross, President, Geo. W. Hensel, C. A. Shultz, Geo. G. Heilman and John D. Skiles. The names of John B. Roth and Geo. Z. Kunkel were obtained afterwards to ratify the proceedings.

On motion D. W. Gross was elected President, Geo. W. Hensel, Vice President, J. B. Roth, Treasurer, and Geo. Z. Kunkel, Secretary for the ensuing year. The president appointed Messrs. Gross, Hensel, Roth, Kunkel and Skiles the executive committee.

On motion of Mr. Hensel, the Board adjourned to meet at 2.30 p.m., at the College Building, on the 17th of June next. [Adjourned].

No quorum present on the 17th June. No meeting was held.

At the meeting on the 25th September, the following members were present: I. H. Keefer, C. A. Shultz, A. G. Renninger, Israel Laucks, Geo. G. Heilman, J. B. Roth, Geo. Z. Kunkel and D. W. Gross.

J. B. Roth, Treasurer, presented his annual report. Messrs. Keefer, Shultz and Renninger were appointed to audit the same, and having done so, reported the account correct, with a balance in the Treasurer's hands of \$686.39.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted. "That the Seminary Board requests the Synods to provide by apportionment on the Classis, the sum of \$250, to pay salary of teacher of Elocution for the coming year, and that the amount so apportioned be paid to the Treasurer of Synod, and through him to the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary." [Adjourned].

Respectfully submitted, GEO. Z. KUNKEL, Secy. Theol. Sem. Board.

To the Synod of the Potomac:

Synopsis of Treasurer's report to the Board of the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in the United States—Sept. 25, 1890.

	Amount of Endowment Fund per report to Sept. 26, 1889	\$77,857 06
	Received additional from Committee of Synod to Sept. 25, 1890	489 84
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		\$78,346 90
	Less amount of note cancelled by authority of Executive Committee of Seminary Board	50 00
Sept. 25, 1890,	Amount of Fund is	\$78,296 90
	<i>Current Expense account of Theological Seminary to Sept. 25, 1890.</i>	
	Dr.	
1889, Sept. 26.	For balance due by Treasurer	\$936 34
	For income received to Sept. 25, 1890	4,893 13
	For Aid Fund received to Sept. 25, 1890	472 53
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		\$6,302 00
	Cr.	
1890, Sept. 25.	By Salary Accounts and Sundry Bills paid as per Vouchers presented	5,615 61
	Balance due Seminary	\$686 39
1889, Sept. 26.	Library Fund. Principal is	\$1,819 96
	For Balance due	64 92
	For interest received to Sept. 25, 1890	124 19
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		\$189 11
	Cr.	
1890, Sept. 25.	By sundry bills paid to date	89 23
	Balance due	\$99 88
	Bills payable \$50.—	
	Building Fund. Principal is	\$12,883 05
	Int. on same accounted for Theological Seminary current expense account.	

<i>Pittsburgh Professorship Fund.</i> Principal is	\$1,718 30
Int. on same accounted for in Theological Seminary current expense account.	
<i>Smalls Fund account.</i> Principal is	\$5,000 00
Dr.	
For Int. on same to April 1, 1890	\$275 00
Cr.	
By amount paid Rev. C. G. Fisher, Treas. of Beneficiary Board Sept. 25, 1890	\$275 00
<i>Prize Essay Fund in Church History.</i>	
1890, Sept. 25. Received on account of Principal	\$550 00
Respectfully presented,	
JOHN B. ROTH, <i>Treasurer.</i>	
Lancaster, September 25, 1890.	
The undersigned, a committee appointed to examine the report of the Treasurer of the Theological Seminary, find it correct.	
I. H. KEEFER, C. A. SCHULTZ, A. G. RENNINGER	
Auditing Committee.	
Lancaster, September 25, 1890.	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

The Standing Committee on Education, to whom the foregoing reports had been referred, reported during the session of Friday forenoon, which was received, considered item by item, and adopted as a whole. The report is as follows:

Your Committee on Education respectfully report that the following documents have come into our hands, and have received our careful consideration, viz.: The Report of the Board of Education of this Synod; the Report of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., together with a Synopsis of the last Report of the Treasurer of said Board; the Report of the Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary; the Report of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College and copies of the catalogues of Franklin and Marshall College, Ursinus College, Catawba College and Allentown Female College, for the year 1889-1890.

The Report of the Board of Education of this Synod reveals the fact that the past year has been a prosperous one. Both the number of beneficiary students under its care and the amount of funds contributed for the cause, have increased over those of former years. Thirty-three young men have been aided during the year in their preparation for the holy Ministry. The receipt of \$4165.42 is acknowledged. The expenditures for the year amounted to \$3995.42. Attention is called to a depleted condition of the Treasury, owing to a failure on the part of charges promptly to remit the amounts apportioned upon them to their Classical treasurers. It is also stated that provision must be made at this meeting of Synod for the support of at least thirty beneficiary students during the present Synodical year, and the need of a larger amount of funds for carrying forward the work of the Board is emphasized.

From the financial statement of the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary, we learn that the endowment fund of that institution amounts at the present time to \$78,296.53. The amount of aid received during the year was \$472.53. The total income of the Seminary for the year was \$6,362.00. The expenditures were \$5,615.61, leaving a remainder due the Seminary of \$686.39.

The Board of Visitors of the Theological Seminary report the past year to have been one of more than usual prosperity for that institution. Seventeen students were admitted at the opening of the year. The whole number of students in attendance during the year was forty-two. Of this number sixteen were dismissed at the last commencement, and awarded the usual testimonials for having completed the prescribed course of study. The Board alludes to the gratifying fact that forty-seven students are now in attendance.

The Board of Regents of Mercersburg College report that the educational work of that institution has been crowned during the past year with a reasonable degree of success. Ten young men, having been prepared for entering the Sophomore Class, were dismissed to Franklin and Marshall College, or Colleges of other denominations of which their parents are members. Four hundred and sixty-three dollars were received by the Board on former synodical apportionments, leaving an arrearage in unpaid pledges of \$490.13. Nearly four thousand dollars of the indebtedness of the College have been paid, thus reducing the indebtedness of that institution to a little less than five thousand dollars. Quite a number of necessary improvements were made to the building, including the painting and furnishing of rooms without any expense to the Board, through the liberality of several congregations and individuals.

The catalogues of Franklin and Marshall, Ursinus, Catawba and Allentown Female Colleges show those institutions to be doing a good work for the cause of higher Christian education in our Church.

In reference to the foregoing matters your committee recommend the following action by this Synod:

1. That the following Classes, still in arrears on their part of the one thousand dollars promised by this Synod at its annual meeting at Mercersburg and Mechanicsburg, towards paying off the debt of Mercersburg College, are hereby renewedly urged to make payment of the same, the Board of Regents having fully complied with the conditions named in Synod's action at the time said apportionments were made, viz.: Zion's Classis, \$205.49; Maryland Classis, \$155.00; Carlisle Classis, \$149.89, and Virginia Classis, \$140.00.

2. That this Synod now consider the matter of making an effort to cancel the remaining indebtedness, of a little less than five thousand dollars, still resting upon its property at Mercersburg.

3. That we again commend Mercersburg College to the confidence of our Classes and congregations, and ask the hearty co-operation of all our people in furthering its interests.

4. That the sum of \$4000 be apportioned by this Synod upon the several Classes for Beneficiary Education, and that they are hereby instructed to urge upon their charges and congregations the importance of a prompt payment of their part of said apportionment, as well as their arrearages on former apportionments, and to impress upon them the importance and growing needs of this holy cause.

5. That the sum of \$75.00 be contributed by the Synod towards maintaining elocutionary instruction in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, and that the Committee on Finance apportion the same upon the various Classes.

Respectfully submitted,

F. F. BAHNER, *Chairman.*

SYNODICAL PROFESSORSHIP ENDOWMENT.

The Synodical Professorship Endowment Committee presented the following final report, which was received and adopted, as follows:

Your Committee, in obedience to the instructions given by the Synod at its last meeting, resumed the work assigned to them with the hope of completing it by the close of the Synodical year. They devoted to it out of every month,

if not every week, as much time and energy as they could possibly give to it, and, as a result of their labors, they now with glad hearts report to you the fulfillment of their important and responsible trust. Twenty-six pastoral charges, comprising forty-eight congregations, were canvassed during the year and contributions were secured to the amount of \$6000. By far the greater part of these subscriptions have been paid. The unpaid pledges, with few exceptions, fall due in the course of the next six months.

The experience of the past year was but a repetition of that of former years. In every charge canvassed, the members of the committee were cordially welcomed and assisted by the pastor, and kindly encouraged by the generous contributions of an appreciative and devoted people. A review of our annual reports will show that very few of the charges of the Synod failed to enroll themselves as contributors. Nor was the failure due, in all instances, to lack of sympathy on the part of pastors and people. Several charges have not been canvassed because of heavy demands for congregational purposes. Some of these have given us assurance that in the near future they will put themselves on record as supporters of the Endowment movement.

The work assigned to your Committee is virtually completed.

The Treasurer's Report will show that \$34,000 are now in the treasury. The collectable out-standing pledges, together with the contributions that will surely come from the few charges yet uncanvassed, will amply make up the required balance.

On the basis of these facts we feel warranted in reporting that the resolution to raise \$35,000, for the endowment of a new professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, made by this Synod on this floor six years ago, has been, beyond question, carried into effect. Your Committee take pleasure in acknowledging the kind and invaluable help given them by the pastors of the Synod, and especially the untiring and efficient services of the special helpers, who frequently assisted in the work. As to the part taken in the work by the membership of the Synod, the liberal offerings of rich and poor bear sufficient testimony. The recorded names of over four thousand contributors tell in part of the devotion of our people to the best interests of the Church, and forcibly illustrate their readiness to follow in paths where earnest and faithful shepherds lead.

Your Committee during the years spent in canvassing sixty-eight charges, and *one hundred and thirty-two* congregations, were sustained in their toil, and weariness, and sicknesses, by the consciousness that God was working with them and blessing their labors. They gladly record their gratitude to God for His loving care in granting them strength to continue their work to the end.

To the Synod they offer sincere thanks for having intrusted to them so important a work, and acknowledge themselves to be richly compensated by the joy of the present hour.

We rejoice with you at this hour for the reason that while it closes the Synodical Professorship Movement, it opens and prepares the way for greater movements and higher attainment in the path of progress which lies before us.

The expenses incurred by your Committee amounted to \$86.56.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. BOWMAN, <i>Supt.</i>	A. H. KREMER.
D. N. DITTMAR, <i>Asst. Supt.</i>	D. S. DIEFFENBACHER.
CYRUS J. MUSSER.	W. C. CREMER.
J. A. HOFFHEINS.	E. R. DEATRICK.
T. F. HOFFMEIER.	

In connection with item 4 of the Report on Minutes of Synod, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That a business session of Synod be held on Friday evening, and that the order of the day be the reception of the report of the Endowment Committee, and that upon its adoption, it is hereby ordered, that the Synod proceed to choose its nominee for the Theological Professorship.

Resolved, Further, that a Special Committee consisting of Revs. S. N. Callender, J. O. Miller, G. B. Russell, and Elders W. Ronlette and D. M. B. Shannon, be appointed to formulate the sense of the Synod as to her relation to the Professor chosen by her, to occupy the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Seminary at Lancaster, her rights and powers in the election of an occupant of that Chair, and also her rights of control over the Endowment Fund of such Professorship.

At the session of Thursday morning, the Special Committee reported, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Special Committee which was charged with the duty of formulating a minute expressive of the sense of this Synod of her relation to the Professor to be chosen by her, to the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Seminary at Lancaster, her rights and powers in the election of an occupant of that chair, and also her rights of control over the Endowment Fund of said Professorship, begs leave to report:

That after a careful consideration of the whole subject and the important interests involved, your Committee recommends the adoption of the following minute:

In view of the relation formerly sustained by that portion of our Church, now comprised within the bounds of the Synod of the Potomac,—the corporate relation it then sustained to the Seminary,—the part it had in the establishment and endowment of it, this Synod feels that the formal constitution of this Synod as a separate body from the old Mother Synod, did not extinguish her moral and financial rights in said Seminary. She also feels that hitherto circumstances have not required this body to enter upon the enjoyment and exercise of those rights, other than those accorded her in the way of courtesy on the part of the Easter Synod, which alone holds the corporation and charter of said Seminary. It is the sense of this body, that now that she is about to choose a person to fill a chair in said Seminary and make provision for the payment of his salary, the time has come when her rights in the Seminary should be formally acknowledged, and she be admitted to a legal share in the Corporation.

This Synod recognizes the fact, that in the selection of an occupant of the Chair of New Testament Exegesis, she has now the power simply to designate her choice of persons, who can be legally elected only by the Eastern Synod, if said person would be admitted into the corporation as a full member of the Faculty, co-equal with the other members.

It is the sense of this Synod also, that she should and does hereby determine so to do, to retain the full control of the Endowment Fund, which she has provided for said Professorship, and will thus provide for the payment of the salary of the occupant of the chair; and it is the further sense of this Synod, that she ought to be invested with full legal power to elect the Professor for said Chair.

Your Committee would further recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to confer with a similar committee to be appointed by the Eastern Synod, for the purpose of reaching an agreement, by which the Synod of the Potomac may be admitted to such a share in the legal Corporation as will secure to her her rights in the Theological Seminary located at Lancaster, Pa.

Resolved, That the Eastern Synod be hereby requested to appoint such a

Committee of Conference, and clothe it with the necessary powers in the premises, said Committees to report their conclusions to their respective Synods, for their approval, and proper and formal enactment.

Respectfully submitted,

S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman.*

The Committee called for in the foregoing action consists of Revs. S. N. Callender, J. O. Miller and Elder Israel Laucks.

Rev. S. N. Callender was appointed a Commissioner to attend the meeting of the Eastern Synod, then in session, in Reading, Pa., and lay before that body the foregoing transaction.

CHOICE OF PROFESSOR OF NEW TESTAMENT EXEGESIS.

On Friday evening, after the Endowment Committee had rendered its final report, and the Synod had transacted some other business connected therewith, the Synod proceeded to designate its choice of Professor to fill the Chair of New Testament Exegesis in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. Two nominations were made, one of which, however, was withdrawn. The Synod was then led in earnest, fervent prayer for Divine guidance, by the oldest member of the Synod, Rev. A. H. Kremer. After which the election was held, Revs. A. S. Weber, R. O'Boyle and H. A. Bomberger acting as tellers, which resulted in the choice of Rev. John C. Bowman, A.M.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the officers of the Synod furnish the Professor-elect with a formal call to the Professorship to which he has been chosen.

Resolved, That in case Rev. J. C. Bowman accepts the election to the Professorship of New Testament Exegesis, the Trustees of this Synod be constituted the proper authorities to arrange with him for his salary.

Resolved, That the annual salary of the Professor elected by this Synod be the annual interest accruing from the funds invested.

Resolved, That the salary of the Professor shall begin from the date he takes up the work connected with the Professorship to which he has been chosen.

Resolved, That an order be granted upon the Treasurer of Synod for the expenses of the Endowment Committee, \$86.56, incurred in the prosecution of the work assigned them the past year.

MERCERSBURG COLLEGE INDEBTEDNESS.

The recommendation of the Report of the Committee on Education, that the Synod now consider the matter of making an effort to cancel the remaining indebtedness still resting on Mercersburg College, was referred for consideration to a special committee, composed of Revs. J. A. Hoffheins, T. F. Hoffmeier and Elder D. C. Hammett. This Committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred the matter of the indebtedness of Mercersburg College, with instructions to devise some plan to relieve the Institution of this burden, have taken the same into consideration, and would recommend the following action:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod that this indebtedness should be removed without delay.

Resolved, That in order to reach this result, the Rev. C. U. Heilman be, and hereby is appointed to superintend the collection of this much-needed fund,

and that one member from each of the following Classes be appointed to assist him in this work, to wit: Juniata, Gettysburg, Zion's, Virginia, Carlisle, Mercersburg and two from the Maryland Classis, and that they enter upon their duties without delay, with the purpose of completing their work during the present Synodical year.

Resolved, That the delegations of each of the Classes named select the member or members of their respective Classes to serve in this work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HOFFHEINS, *Chairman*.

The persons named as the Committee to assist Rev. C. U. Heilman in the work are Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, B. F. Bau-man, I. N. Peightel, G. G. Everhart, W. I. Stewart, T. F. Hoffmeier, E. R. Deatrick, and Elder S. Hoeflich.

In connection with the reception of the final report of the Endowment Committee, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That the Synod does hereby return its most hearty thanks to the members of the Endowment Committee for their earnest and faithful labors in the work entrusted them and so successfully consummated.

Resolved, That this Synod gratefully acknowledges and highly appreciates the efforts and labors of Rev. E. R. Eschbach, during the first year of the Theological Professorship Endowment movement, recognizing the fact that much of the success of the movement was the result of his labors.

A special committee was appointed, composed of Revs. U. H. Heilman, J. A. Hoffheins, and Elder G. Dice, to examine and audit the Theological Professorship Endowment Funds. This committee later on reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your committee, appointed to examine and audit the mortgages, bonds and cash held by the Treasurer of Synod for the endowment of the new Professorship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., begs leave to report that it has carefully examined the said securities, and as far as it is able to judge from a hasty examination they are all of a first-class character. We find in the hands of the Treasurer mortgages and bonds amounting to . . . \$28,407 54

For premium on bonds	435 00
Cash in hand of treasurer in bank	<u>5,288 06</u>

Amount	\$34,130 60
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Respectfully submitted,

U. H. HEILMAN, *Chairman*.

In the same connection, it was ordered, that annually hereafter the Synod appoint a Standing Committee, whose duty it shall be to carefully examine and audit the Theological Professorship Endowment securities within ten days of the following meeting of the Synod at which said committee was appointed, and shall also be an advisory committee in making investments and report the result to the Synod. The committee called for in the foregoing rule, for the current Synodical year, consists of Elders Henry M. Schmuck, Jacob N. Slagle and Melville E. Doll.

In rendering his final report to the Synod, as Superintendent of the Endowment of the Theological Professorship, Rev. J. C. Bowman de-

livered to the Synod an obligation of one thousand dollars also towards the endowment of a Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa. The matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. C. S. Slagle, D. A. Souders, and Elder G. N. Forney, for consideration. The committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, namely:

Your committee, to whom was referred the question of establishing a Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., beg leave to report the following for adoption :

WHEREAS, The advantages to be derived by the Church from the establishment of Fellowships are apparent; and

WHEREAS, A spirit of enthusiasm for our educational institutions has been awakened in this Synod by the endowment work now completed, which will greatly assist in the prosecution of further work in the interests of the Theological Seminary ; therefore,

Resolved, That this Synod establish a Fellowship in the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., which shall consist of an endowment of ten thousand dollars, and be called the the Fellowship of the Synod of the Potomac, the full name to be determined hereafter.

Resolved, That this Synod gratefully acknowledges the efforts made by the Endowment Committee towards the promotion of this object, and accept the obligation of \$1000 00 secured by the committee for this end.

Resolved, That the Endowment Committee be appointed as the committee to secure the remainder of the fund, and that the Classes and pastors be urged to co-operate with the committee in the work assigned them.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of Synod be appointed the Treasurer of the Fellowship Fund. Respectfully submitted, C. S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

Item 2 of the Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. D. N. Dittmar, C. J. Musser, J. A. Hoffheins, and Elders P. C. Wiest and J. A. Lefevre. This committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac :

Your committee to which was referred the communication to the Synods from the Faculty of the Theological Seminary begs leave to offer the following report:

We have read with care and concern this eloquent and timely appeal and learn that the time has come when there is needed in this section of the Reformed Church in the United States a Theological Seminary building, and that without such building not only is the comfort of the professors and students of the Seminary not what it ought to be, but the very usefulness of the Seminary itself is much impaired.

Your committee, therefore, in compliance with the wish of the Faculty of the Seminary, recommend the appointment of a committee of three for conference on this subject with similar committees, if they shall be appointed, of the Eastern and Pittsburgh Synods. It recommends, moreover, that, as likely to further and perhaps expedite the movement in view, a representative of the above-mentioned committee be sent at once to Reading, Pa., where the Eastern Synod is now in session, for the purpose of making preliminary arrangements for the conference proposed. Respectfully submitted, D. N. DITTMAR, *Chairman.*

Revs. D. N. Dittmar, J. A. Hoffheins and C. J. Musser constitute the committee called for in the foregoing report.

Revs. A. H. Kremer, E. R. Eschbach, S. N. Callender and J. S. Kieffer were nominated as members of the Board of Visitors, and Elders I. Laucks, H. W. Shriver, G. N. Forney, P. C. Wiest, H. J. Seibert and G. L. Freet as members of the Board of Trustees of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa., from this Synod for the term of one year.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, held during the session of Saturday forenoon, Revs. W. C. Cremer, T. J. Barkley and J. D. Miller were elected members of the Board of Education for the term of three years; and Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and E. R. Eschbach were chosen members of the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College for the period of three years, and Rev. G. A. Whitmore for two years.

The following persons constitute the Board of Education and the Board of Regents of Mercersburg College, at the present time, namely:

BOARD OF EDUCATION: Revs. W. C. Cremer, J. D. Miller and T. J. Barkley, for three years; Revs. W. M. Deatrick, J. W. Santee and F. F. Bahner, for two years; and Revs. W. Goodrich, W. I. Stewart and Elder J. Heyser for one year.

BOARD OF REGENTS: Revs. W. M. Deatrick, T. F. Hoffmeier and E. R. Eschbach, for three years; Revs. W. C. Cremer, G. A. Whitmore and W. J. Zacharias, Esq., for two years; and Elder A. R. Schnebly, E. J. Bonbrake, Esq., and W. Rush Gillan, Esq., for one year.

ARTICLE XIV.

MISSIONS.

The Annual Reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions and of the Treasurer of said Board, the Report of the Superintendent of Missions, and the Report of the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions were severally referred to the Standing Committee on Missions for consideration. The committee presented its report during the session of Friday afternoon, which was received, considered item by item, amended, and then adopted as a whole. As such, it will be found subjoined in its proper place. The several Reports are as follows:

REPORT OF TRI-SYNODIC BOARD.

Fathers and Brethren:

We send to you the report of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that of the Treasurer of said Board. We bespeak for these papers that careful consideration which you have ever been pleased to give to them.

Substantial progress has been made during the past year, to which the missions fostered by your reverend body have largely contributed.

The field of missionary activity is ever enlarging, and your Board may soon be called upon to extend its labors in directions which cannot be so well reached by any other body.

We trust that your action with regard to this sacred cause may call forth a liberal response from the Church. Respectfully submitted,

J. O. MILLER, *President.*
ELLIS N. KREMER, *Secretary.*

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF MISSIONS FOR 1889-90.

To the Reverend Eastern Synod and the Synod of the Potomac:

DEAR BRETHREN: You will notice that this Report is addressed to two Synods instead of three, as heretofore, owing to the fact that one year ago the Pittsburgh Synod, the third party in the tri-synodic compact, instructed its Board to transfer its missions to the Board of General Synod, which was done January 1st, 1890, since which time our Board represents only your two reverend bodies. We call your attention to the following facts:

1) *Organization.* The Board organized in November, 1889, for another term of four years, and the following are its officers: President, Rev. J. O. Miller, D. D.; Secretary, Rev. E. N. Kremer; Treasurer, Elder W. H. Seibert. The Executive Council, in accordance with the action of the Synods a year ago, now consists of seven members, namely, in addition to the three officers, Rev. C. S. Gerhard, Rev. T. J. Barkley, Rev. J. C. Bowman, and *ex-officio* the Superintendent.

2) *The number of missions.* We began the year with 48 missions on the roll. Of these, as already said, 7 within the bounds of the Pittsburgh Synod, namely, Braddock, Du Bois, Jeannette, Johnstown, McKeesport, Scottdale and Wilkinsburg were January 1st, 1890, withdrawn from the care of this Board; 3, namely, St. Stephen's, Reading, Pa., Hazleton, Pa., and Boulder, Iowa, became self-supporting; Phoenixville, Pa., was by the Philadelphia Classis transferred to the Board of General Synod; 2, namely, Clearville, Pa., and Wilton Junction, Iowa, have been referred to their Classes for reconstruction; Nanticoke, Pa., has been enrolled; and so we close the year with a roll of 36 missions.

3) *The condition of the missions.* Two, namely, Clearville, Pa., and Winchester, Va., have been vacant all the year. Dushore, Pa., and Washington, D. C., vacant a year ago, now have pastors. Abilene, Kansas, Iola, Kansas, Lisbon, Iowa, Sioux City, Iowa, and Wilton Junction, Iowa, became vacant during the year; but all except the last now have pastors. From this it will be seen that the work has suffered but little interruption. Chambersburg has built a church. Altoona, Hazleton and Steelton are busy building. Williamsport has enlarged its church. Faith mission, Baltimore, is enlarging its church. Winchester has remodelled its church. York has paid its whole debt. And an examination of the statistics will show that the giving of the missions, both for benevolence and for congregational expenses, has been very large. The Board heartily commends its roll of missions to the confidence and support of the Church.

4) *Aid to other Boards.*—In addition to the outlay for our own missions, we pledged also \$150 to the German Board of the East for New York; and to the Board of General Synod \$600 for Lincoln, Neb., \$100 for Baker, Kansas, and \$350 for Cleveland, Ohio. These pledges have been renewed for the year to come (though only \$300 for Cleveland, O., as requested).

5) *The income of the Board.*—The treasurer's report, which is herewith transmitted, shows that we have had a year of unusually large giving, and that the condition of the treasury is quite gratifying. The effort of the Board to raise 1000 ten-dollar subscriptions for the general treasury, to bring our work up to a cash basis, resulted in securing nearly 500 "tens," at least half of which would not have been received but for this effort; and it is a matter of interest to state that one-tenth of these "tens" came from our missions, a fact of which both they and the Church may be justly proud. The Board has instructed the Superintendent to continue the effort to raise one thousand "tens."

6) *The amount needed for the coming year.*—As we now have a smaller number of missions than heretofore, we ask for a smaller sum for their support; but the amount asked of each Synod is about the same as before, because the missions of the Pittsburgh Synod were supported by that Synod.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE MISSIONS UNDER THE CARE OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES

Cash on hand September 22d, 1890	\$4,855
Due the missionaries to October 1st, 1890,	\$4,000
Money borrowed five and seven years ago,	\$2,000
Estimated cost of the work next year,	\$20,000

This is for the support of the missionaries; but the Board must have money also for church-building, and we therefore ask as follows:

<i>For missions:</i> From the Eastern Synod	\$13,000
From the Potomac Synod	7,000
<i>For church-building:</i> From the Eastern Synod	\$2,500
From the Potomac Synod	1,500

While asking your reverend bodies for these reasonable sums, we beg also that the work committed to our care may have the confidence, the prayers, the sympathy and the interest of all our pastors and people, so that with their hearty co-working it may greatly prosper, to the praise of God in the saving of souls.

7) *Special Church-building Funds.*—In reference to these important helps, which have now become well known, the Board is pleased to report that in addition to the nine reported last year, two more have been received, namely, that raised by the Women's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis, bearing the name of that body, and one from the estate of Mrs. Harriet M. Schnebly, of Mercersburg, Pa., to be known as the Harriet Hoke Schnebly Church-building Fund. It is worthy of note, also, that just when these two Funds came into our treasury, they were needed for the enlargement of Faith Mission Church Baltimore, and so they have already begun their good work.

8) *Legacies and Securities.*—During the year a committee of the Board, at great cost of time and labor, prepared a valuable financial report, setting forth in chronological order all the legacies of the Board, whence they came and where they now are, with an abstract of the wills, and the date and place of record; also a statement of the mortgages, notes and other securities held by the Board, including a record of all our Church-building Funds. This report has been recorded by the Secretary, and will be valuable for reference.

9) *Our Western Superintendent.*—Rev. D. B. Shuey continues to be our Superintendent within the bounds of the Synod of the Interior, giving all his time to general work, overseeing the missions, opening new fields and supplying vacancies. This general statement can be made in a few lines; but his travel of 22,000 miles during the year in the service of the Board is proof of much work done.

10) *The Reformed Missionary Herald.*—This organ of the Board, which has been found very useful in giving missionary information to our people, especially for reference to our own work and wants, has been published as heretofore, under the editorial control of the Executive Council, with a circulation of about 5000. But now a change is proposed. Your Board and the Board of General Synod have appointed committees of conference, in which we hope to be joined also by the Board of Foreign Missions, looking to the publication of a monthly missionary magazine of thirty-two pages, which shall be the organ of these three Boards and of all our missionary work.

11) *Requests.*—In closing this seventeenth yearly report, your Board respectfully makes the following requests:

- 1) That you will assume and apportion the above named sums, for the work of the coming year.
- 2) That you will urge the Classes each to raise its full apportionment, so that we may promptly pay the missionaries.

Respectfully submitted, A. C. WHITMER, *Superintendent.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Board of Missions of the Reformed Church in the United States:

The undersigned begs leave to present the subjoined Report of the Finances of the Board during the year ending Sept. 22, 1890.

During the year moneys were received for Home Missions, Church Building, etc., and payments made for those objects as follows:

Home Missions.*Synod of the United States.*

Classis of Philadelphia . . .	\$412 00
Classis of Toliwickon . . .	1099 14
Classis of Goshenhoppen . . .	1412 29
Classis of East Pennsylvania	1022 48
Classis of Lebanon . . .	881 23
Classis of Schuylkill . . .	2663 59
Classis of Lancaster . . .	1101 15
Classis of East Susquehanna	502 10
Classis of West Susquehanna	848 31
Classis of Lehigh . . .	1100 16
Classis of Wyoming . . .	706 45

Total from Synod of the United States, \$11,748 90

Synod of the Potowmack.

Classis of Maryland . . .	\$1423 20
Classis of Mercersburg . . .	772 56
Classis of Juniata . . .	1315 27
Classis of Carlisle . . .	467 91
Classis of Zion's . . .	1185 89
Classis of Gettysburg . . .	1129 68
Classis of Virginia . . .	211 04
Classis of North Carolina . .	222 45
Classis of Portland-Oregon . .	63 45

Total from Synod of the Potowmack . . \$6,791 45

Synod of Pittsburgh.

Received of sundry brethren within the bounds of Synod mostly on account of the "1000 Tens"	\$264 88
Received from the Treasurer of Synod, C. M. Bousch, Esq.,	500 00

Total from the Synod of Pittsburgh . . \$764 88

Miscellaneous Sources.

Received of Mrs. C. A. Fremell, interest on loan	\$115 50
Received of Mechanics' Bank, Hbg., interest on Certifi- cate of Deposit	45 00
Received of Dr. J. O. Miller, interest on loan	72 10
Received of J. R. Hamilton, interest on loan	60 00
Received of Geo. Z. Kunkel, interest on loan	60 00
Received of Mrs. Sophia E. Grove, interest on loan . .	60 00
Received of Dr. J. O. Miller, dividend of the Spangler legacy	25 00
Received of the Ladies' Sy- nodal Missionary Society, of the Synod of the Inter- ior for Sioux City Mission	11 72

Received of Rev. S. Ream, Liscomb, Iowa, for 1 of the "1000 Tens"	\$10 00
Received of Wm. Achens- baugh for 1 of the "1000 Tens"	10 00
Received of Mrs. Jno. Love for 1 of the "1000 Tens" .	10 00
Received of The Missionary Society of Brown Memorial Church, Wichita, Kansas, for 1 of the "1000 Tens" .	10 00
Received of Rev. D. B. Shuey for 1 of the "1000 Tens" .	10 00
Received of Rev. J. F. Butler, Iomogene, Iowa, for one of the "1000 Tens"	10 00
Received of Rev. C. A. San- tee, Kansas City, Mo., for 1 of the "1000 Tens"	10 00
Received of Miss S. J. Unangst, Martin, Wis., for 1 of the "1000 Tens"	10 00
Received of Miss Hannah J. Smith, St. Joseph, Mo., for 1 of the "1000 Tens"	10 00
Balance in the Treasury Sep- tember 24, 1889	1809 25

Total from Miscellaneous Sources . . \$2,348 57

Total from all sources \$21,653 80

Disbursements.

Paid orders of the Board dur- ing the year	\$16,794 80
Balance in the Treasury, Sep- tember 22, 1890	4,859 00

 \$21,653 80

Church Building Funds, Dr.

Balance in Treasury, Sep- tember 25, 1889	\$2483 12
Received for Church Build- ing in Baltimore, viz. :	
From Carlisle Classis . .	\$20 61
From Gettysburg Classis	28 91
From Juniata Classis . .	30 00
From Mercersburg Classis	60 00
Received for Second Reform- ed Church, of Chambers- burg, from Mercersburg Classis	-\$139 52
Received on account of a bal- ance due the Board by the Synod of the United States, on a certain bond, viz. :	100 00
From Lebanon Classis . .	\$27 00
From Lehigh Classis . .	41 03
From Wyoming Classis . .	2 00

 -\$70 00

Received for the use of the Reformed Church, of Johnstown, Pa., from—		on the mortgage of \$850 held by the Board on Faith Mission Church property, Baltimore, Md.	\$150 00
Sunday-school of the Church of the Strangers, Philadelphia, Pa.,	\$11 08	Received per Rev. M. L. Firor, pastor of Sioux City Mission, on account of the Mortgage held by the Board against said Mission	135 00
Chris. Church Charge, Gettysburg Classis	20 00	Received of Geo. W. Guldin, Dorrance, Luzerne County, Pa., payment, in full, of note of William B. Moyer and others, held by the Board	100 0)
Received of Rev. Jno. W. Love, pastor of the Reformed Church of Wichita, Kansas, amount of loan made to said Church, Oct. 1, 1889—			\$11,846 99
Cash	\$62 50		
One quarter's salary due	187 50		
Received for Church Building purposes in general from—	\$250 00		
Lancaster Classis	\$119 53		
Lebanon Classis	229 35		
Gosheuhoppen Classis	250 00		
East Pennsylvania Classis	73 00		
Tohickon Classis	157 00		
West Susquehanna	96 27		
Schuylkill Classis	308 30		
Gettysburg Classis	132 00		
Juniata Classis	191 00		
Zion's Classis	3 91		
North Carolina Classis	20 47		
Carlisle Classis	57 35		
Clarion Classis	18 10	—\$1656 28	
Received of Constantine E. A. Foerster, of San Francisco, Cal., atty, for the Board, amount collected by him (less his fees) from the German Reformed Church of said city, on Judgment held by the Board against said Church	3682 24		129 13
Received of Rev. Dr. J. O. Miller, amount of the Judgment bond held by the Board against him	1442 00		30 00
Received of Hon. H. C. Hoover, Treasurer of Philadelphia Classis, on account of their Classical Missionary Society's Church Building Fund	109 00		250 00
Received of C. P. Hutchison, principal and interest of a Judgment bond held against him by the Board	507 75		5 00
Received per Rev. Dr. William M. Deatrick, Treasurer of Mercersburg Classis, amount of the bequest of Harriet M. Schnebly, deceased, to constitute the "Harriet Hoke Schnebly Church Building Fund"	500 00		553 00
Received per Rev. A. C. Whitmer, from the Women's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis, to constitute "The Church Building Fund of the Women's Missionary Society of Schuylkill Classis"	500 00		31 08
Received per Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Classis, the first payment due Aug. 11, 1890,			100 90
			20 47
			100 00
			200 00
			500 00
			2500 00

Paid loan made to Calvin P. Hutchison, for 6 months, secured by a Judgment bond	\$500 00	Paid loan to Calvin P. and Cordelia Hutchison, for 3 years, secured by a Judgment	1900 00
Paid loan made to Sophia F. and Jno. L. Grove, secured by a mortgage on two houses in Steelton	2000 00	Paid Rev. Simon S. Miller, Treasurer of Maryland Clasis, loan made to Trustees of the Clasis, for use of Faith Mission, Baltimore, secured by mortgage	1000 00
Paid loan made to Grace Reformed Church of Abilene, Kansas, secured by a mortgage	1500 00	Balance in the Treasury, Sept. 22, 1890	248 31
			—————\$11,816 99

Respectfully submitted, W.M. H. SEIBERT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, auditors appointed to audit the Treasurer's Account, would report that we have attended to the duty, and after comparing all vouchers with accounts, find the accounts correct with the following balances in Treasurer's hands:

General Fund	\$4859.00
Church Building	248.31
COLUMBIA, PA., Sept. 22, 1890.	JNO. J. NISSLEY, T. J. HACKER.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the Synod of the Potowmack, Reformed Church in the United States:

Rev. Fathers and Brethren.—Another year with its joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, triumphs and defeats has run its course; and in response to a deep sense of duty we call upon our souls, and all that is within us, to bless the name of the Lord. The God of Missions has been with us, and we will not forget his benefits.

The progress of the Gospel in Japan has not been as perceptible as in previous years, still there is no mission field that shows better results. The proclamation of the new constitution, the failure of the treaty revision, the change of Government and the hatred to foreigners, have all combined to unsettle the public mind and to make it less receptive to the Gospel. That there has been no serious interference to the work under the political excitement is great cause for special gratitude to God, who maketh even the wrath of men to praise Him.

It must be borne in mind that the Japanese are at present in a transitional period, and it would well-nigh be a miracle, if the transition from the pagan religion and the ancestral polity to Christianity were not accompanied by resistance even unto blood. The idea that Japan will be wholly won for Christ is the assertion of the enthusiast. No nation is wholly Christian. Perhaps there is no nation so strongly under the power of the Gospel as our own native land, and yet, even here, the powers of evil make themselves felt in many ways. Japan will be a Christian nation. The cross will overcome the sceptre of heathendom in the Empire of the East, and tower high above the wrecks of time.

The annual reports of the Missionaries breathe the spirit of entire consecration to the Master's use. For the information of the reverend synod, I will insert a few extracts, which portray their labors during the past year.

Rev. J. P. Moore.—As is known, in July of last year, I removed from Yamagata to Sendai, since which time I have labored with the brethren of the Mission, teaching several hours a day in the Theological Training School, and as I had opportunity and strength, assisting in the evangelistic work in and around Sendai. I also made several visits to our Tokio stations, preaching

and administering the sacraments; and I am happy to say that this part of our work has shown signs of new life since my last report. What I do in the Training School is an investment which, I believe, will bear compound interest in the future of our evangelistic operations.

Rev W. E. Hoy.—Teaching has been my primary work as a missionary. Every Monday evening I teach a Bible class, which meets in my library. I lecture at the congregational prayer-meeting on the books of the Bible. Mrs. Hoy teaches a Bible-class at our house on Tuesday afternoons. My progress in the vernacular is just enough to give me confidence, and I am beginning to see how much there is yet to be learned. Humanly speaking, much of our comfort and well-being can be traced to our Board.

Rev. D. B. Schneidr.—My work as you know, has been mainly that of a teacher. This work brings with it little variety of experience, and all that I need record is that the work of teaching young men is becoming dearer to me, and I hope correspondingly more beneficial to the young men in our charge. The Sunday-schools under the care of myself and Mrs. Schneider have been prosperous during the year. I preach frequently, partly in Japanese, partly by interpretation.

Miss Lizzie R. Poorbaugh.—It sometimes happens that when busied, there is least to be said about one's work. Such is the case in regard to my work for the present year. In addition to my class-room work, the oversight of two households, the care of ten supported girls, with whom we come in closer and more constant relations than with self-supporting girls, impose a good deal of care upon me. I go into the school-room at half-past seven every morning and continue on an average of five and a half hours. Allowing three hours for meals and recreation, there remain but three and a half hours between six in the morning and six in the evening, in which to look after the house-keeping of both houses, receive accounts and make settlements, attend to visitors, workmen, etc.

Miss Emma F. Poorbaugh.—Apart from my work, my report must be brief. Five hours a day are spent in the school-room, where in addition to my classes in English, I also meet my catechetical class and give lessons on the organ to six girls. My afternoons, when not interrupted by visitors, are given wholly to the language, a knowledge of which seems unattainable as it is necessary. Monday evening is always spent in consultation with the Japanese teachers, with reference to the needs, progress, etc., of the school. Wednesday evening I go to the prayer-meeting and on Saturday evening I meet the girls socially. We read for an hour, explain what we have read, engage in conversation and end with games. The object of this meeting is to gain closer companionship with the girls than can be done in the class-rooms. This kind of work makes them feel that you are their friend as well as their teacher. Every Friday afternoon I give them an extra hour for sewing, knitting, etc. I also conduct evening prayers with the girls. Evenings not otherwise employed I give to the sewing-machine, as it requires considerable of that kind of work to keep three people clothed.

Sendai Theological Seminary.—The Sendai Theological School has had a fruitful year. Twenty-six young men are preparing for the holy ministry. Next September we shall have our first regular class in the Theological Seminary proper. This course will be three years of thorough work in the branches commonly taught in American theological seminaries. We pray that a new teacher may be sent to us not later than September 1, 1890, so as to be in time for the new scholastic year.

The prospects of the school are good. A goodly number of promising young men have already signified their intentions to enter the new class for the next scholastic year. But if we wish to keep our students satisfied, we must enlarge

the school and furnish the young men as wide a course of study, training and culture as may be given elsewhere. That which is done in this cause must be well done; if not well done, it were better to leave it undone.

Girls' School.—The sudden revulsion of feeling against foreigners, of which one hears so much all over the Empire, is felt in our school, less perhaps than in some others, but it has sufficed to prevent the growth we fondly expected. The girls that are in the school are loyal pupils, very grateful for the comforts provided for them, and evince their earnestness by hard work. There has been considerable illness among them during the winter; nothing serious, however, except in two instances. Miura Ohama is wasting away with consumption, and another has been confined for nearly a month with peritonitis. The Japanese girls are frail, and I often feel the need of fuller gymnastic appliances than we have for their benefit. Recently we received from the officers of the local government a proposition to make such changes in our course of study as will give young women an opportunity to secure a thorough Japanese education; this change in nowise to affect the moral or religious character of the school.

In consideration of such change the Government and Educational Society of Sendai promise to bestow the weight of their influence in favor of the school. Hoping, believing, that this may prove our opportunity, we are making every effort to meet their requirements, in so far as the policy of the mission will permit. This will involve the employment of more and higher grade Japanese teachers during the coming year, but will require less of English, since we have concluded to teach all natural sciences and mathematics in Japanese. Whether the result will be what we desire, remains to be seen.

THE NEEDS OF THE MISSION.

New Seminary Building.—The necessity of a new Seminary Building has been keenly felt and strongly urged by the missionaries. Those who have read their appeals and arguments cannot help feeling the absolute necessity of prompt action. Relying upon Divine help and the liberality of the people, the Board has authorized the Mission to erect a suitable building for the use of the Sendai Theological Seminary.

The new building will be located between the John Ault Memorial Hall and the old temple used by the Sendai Church. The designs call for seven recitation rooms, one reading-room, a library and a chapel. The building will be in brick, with blue-stone trimmings. The contract has been made from July, 1890, to August, 1891.

The board will need at least \$4000 additional for the building fund.

A good Library.—The Theological Seminary needs a good library. The necessity is self-evident. Rev. W. E. Hoy has in care the sum of \$1580, raised in Japan, which the Board will allow the Mission to appropriate for the founding of a library. We unite with the Mission in the hope that all our Reformed authors will donate copies of their works to the Sendai Theological Seminary.

New Teachers.—The Mission asks for a new teacher for the Seminary, who will be in perfect sympathy with the work as now carried on in the educational policy, and also for a new lady missionary for the girls' school. The ideal of a man for the position will be one who would come with the purpose of throwing his whole soul into the work of giving our young men a knowledge of the English language. The lady teacher should be a person of broad and liberal culture.

Statistics.—Owing to the meeting of the General Synod, the Mission has sent the statistics for the year ending May 31st, 1890, earlier than usual. The figures given at the end of this report, represent the work of about nine months. The table is a study for the mind, a feast for the soul and an inspiration to

every friend of foreign missions. When we consider the native opposition to Christianity and the other obstacles in the way, the missionaries did very well during the past year. Full of zeal and courage, they enter upon the new fiscal year with great expectations. May they realize their fondest hope. *To this end we must do our duty.* The Lord help us to appreciate the emphasis. It may be of interest to the Reverend Synod, to hear the latest statistics of Protestant missions in Japan. The total membership in the Protestant mission churches is 31,181, with 274 organized churches, 153 of which are wholly and 151 partially self-supporting. There are 125 ordained native ministers and 409 unordained preachers and helpers. There are 350 Sabbath-schools, with 21,597 pupils, and 17 theological schools, with 275 students. The contributions of the churches during the year 1889 amounted to \$53,503.13. The United Church of Japan, of which our Mission is an integral part, reports a membership of 8690 and contributions of \$18,071.04. This is only the beginning of the great harvest. The Japanese are calling for foreign helpers. *Men to occupy new stations, and money to support them,* is the great cry of distress that comes to us from a people who promise so much towards the evangelization of the Orient.

Financial.—The appeal issued by the Board to the pastors, a few months ago, reveals the lamentable fact of an *empty treasury*, with an indebtedness of \$5000. The prospects of the Mission have never been brighter, and with sufficient means we can carry forward the work successfully.

Brethren: The General Synod has given its unanimous endorsement to the educational policy of the Board, and the missionaries have a right to look to you for moral and financial support. It is not the Board, appealing to the churches for means, but the brave and indefatigable workers, who fulfill the Divine command, “Go ye into all the world,” in our stead. The cause of foreign missions has no apportionments to rely on, but the voluntary contributions of the people. The responsibility of maintaining the work rests with the pastors and the people. To the pastors, the Lord looks for earnest effort. From the people, the Lord expects large giving. We ask your prayers and sympathies, your efforts and offerings in sowing the seed of truth upon the broad acres of the world’s spiritual destitution, in the confident hope that the fruit thereof will appear, though it may be after many days. May the loving Master grant us the light of His countenance, for *then* we shall see the path of duty.

Very sincerely Yours,

Pottsville, Pa., September 30, 1890. ALLEN R. BARTHOLOMEW, Secretary.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

		Organized churches.	Churches self-supporting.	Preaching stations	Baptized converts.	Membership.	Girls' schools.	Scholars in same.	Sunday-schools.	Scholars in same.	Theological schools.	Scholars in same.	Native ministers.	Unordained preachers.	Colporteurs.	Bible women.	Contributions for all purposes.
Nihon Bashi . . .	1			13	93			1	36				1	1			\$113 30
Iwatsuki . . .	1	· · ·	1	9	98			1	40				1	· · ·			185 00
Matsubayashi and Noda					40			1	40								9 00
Bancho . . .	1	· · ·	1	31	235			1	105				1	· · ·			370 00
	3	1	2	53	466			4	221				1	2	1		\$677 30
Sendai . . .																	
Fuku-shima . . .																	
Nakamura . . .																	
Hobara . . .	4	1	6	104	729	1	40	10	461	1	26	5	5	2	2		\$1200 00
Shiroishi . . .																	
Tome . . .																	
Yamagata . . .																	
Tsurugaoaka . . .																	
Iwanuma . . .	1	· · ·	1	2	101			1	70				1	· · ·			175 00
Ishinomaki . . .	1	· · ·	· ·	7	76			1	30				1	· · ·			70 00
Furukawa . . .	1	· · ·	1	7	43			1	15				1	· · ·			130 00
Hakodae . . .	1	1	1	45	120			1	73								287 85
Mombetsu . . .	1	1	1	· ·	121			1	45				1	· · ·			295 00
Mororau . . .																	
	9	3	10	165	1190	1	40	15	694	1	26	6	8	2	2		\$2157 85
Grand Total .	12	4	12	218	1656	1	40	19	915	1	26	7	10	3	2		\$2835 15

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac:

Your Committee on Missions respectfully present the following report:

There has been referred to this committee the reports of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, of the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Mission and two communications from the Secretary of the General Synod's Board of Home Missions.

From the reports of the Superintendent and the Treasurer of the Tri-Synodic Board of Missions, your committee learn that the work of the Board during the past year has been very encouraging. The missions are in a prosperous condition and are manifesting a commendable spirit of self-helpfulness. The Treasurer's report shows a condition of the Treasury that is exceedingly gratifying. The receipts of the past year for Home Missions were \$21,653.80, being about \$2000.00 in excess of those of the previous year, and this, too, notwithstanding the fact that the Pittsburgh Synod, having withdrawn from the Tri-Synodic compact, has been sending nearly all of her missionary funds to the General Synod's Board. Two new church building funds have been added during the past year, to those already in existence, making eleven which are now under the control of the Board.

It is worthy of note that about \$5000.00 of the receipts of the past year were due to a special effort made by the Superintendent to secure one thousand ten-

dollar subscriptions in order to place the operations of the Board upon a cash basis.

The facts presented call for an expression of thankfulness and gratitude to the Great Head of the Church for the measure of wisdom and discretion that He has given to those who have this work in charge and for the spirit of devotion and love to His cause that prevails among the members of our beloved Zion.

From the proceedings of the Board we learn that new fields of missionary work are opening not only in the far West, but also in the older settlements in the East where districts once sparsely settled are now being rapidly populated. A striking instance of this is seen in the Shenandoah Valley—a field that is now opening and is presenting favorable opportunities for work by our Church. The report of the Superintendent shows that a Missionary has already been sent into this locality. The rapidly increasing appeals for aid made to the Board, many of which they cannot grant because of the lack of funds, call for increased liberality on the part of the members of the Church.

The Board of Missions of the General Synod overtures the Potomac Synod to come to their assistance in the establishment of missions among the Hungarian population of this country in various localities. To accomplish this purpose the Board is about employing missionaries from Europe, who will be able to minister to this people in their own language. The Board asks for no particular amount for the support of this work, but leaves this to be determined by this Synod.

Another communication from the Secretary of the General Synod's Board is an official copy of the plan for the unification of the Home Mission work of the Reformed Church under the Board of its General Synod.

Concerning the facts now stated, your committee would recommend the following action for adoption by this Synod:

Resolved, I, That the sacred cause of Home Missions be commended to the several Classes and that they be requested to take such action as will further develop the activity and liberality of the members of the Church.

Resolved, II, That the plan of securing by the Superintendent one thousand ten-dollar subscriptions continue to receive our hearty co-operation until it shall have been accomplished, but that we deprecate the necessity of these special plans and methods and urge upon our Classes, pastors and people the cultivation of regular systematic benevolence.

Resolved, III, That this Synod accepts the sum of \$7000.00 for Home Missions and \$1500.00 for church building, apportioned to us by the Board for the coming year.

Resolved, IV, That the request from the General Synod asking that this Synod assist in the establishment of missions among the Hungarian population in this country be granted, and that \$300.00 be apportioned among the Classes for this purpose.

Resolved, V, That our Classes be requested to uphold the Board in its endeavor to care for the interests of the Church in the Shenandoah Valley which are demanding immediate attention.

Resolved, VI, That it is the sense of this body that the plan proposed and urged for adoption by the General Synod, namely, that the system of apportionment for missions be extended to the individual members of the Church is impracticable and would, if the attempt be made to put it into effect, tend towards the establishment of a wrong system of giving; but that we heartily recommend to our Classes the instructions of General Synod that congregations and members adopt some systematic plan of giving monthly or quarterly offerings to the Lord in behalf of this cause, each one giving as the Lord has prospered him.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The report from the Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions presents both encouraging and discouraging features. The prospects for successful work in Japan were never brighter. The missionaries are hopeful, enthusiastic and devoted to their work. The policy to be pursued in the work of the Church has been clearly defined, endorsed by the General Synod and meets with the hearty approval of our missionaries. Notwithstanding the unsettled condition of Japan during the past year and her transitional state, the reports of the missionaries show substantial progress and no mission field shows better results. The discouraging features are an empty treasury and a debt of \$5000.00, and with these facts staring us in the face, the missionaries are asking for another teacher, a new Seminary building to cost \$4000.00 and a library. Surely there is urgent necessity for prompt action and a liberal response to the appeals made by the Board and the missionaries, and to this end, be it *Resolved*—

I, That our Classes be requested to take such action as will bring the condition and the needs of our work in Japan before the attention of our congregations, and that the urgent necessities of our Foreign Mission work which now rest upon us as a Church be commended to the prayerful consideration and liberality of our people.

II, That the Board of Foreign Missions be requested to take such action as will bring its representatives more frequently into personal contact with the membership of the Church, in order that the condition of our Foreign Mission work and its necessities may be directly presented.

III, *Resolved*, that our Classes be instructed to do all that they possibly can to assist the Board in establishing our schools in Japan upon a firm basis.

Respectfully submitted, CALVIN S. SLAGLE, *Chairman.*

Items 1 and 2 of the Report on the Minutes of the General Synod, together with a communication from the Board of Home Missions of the General Synod, giving its plan for the unification of the Home Mission work of the Church, were severally referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. J. H. Apple, R. L. Gerhart, J. A. Hoffheins, and Elders G. N. Forney and I. Laucks.

This Committee subsequently presented the following report, which was received and after considerable discussion adopted, to wit:

Your Committee has examined with considerable care the plan of unification presented to the District Synods, and would report the following: The Synod of the Potomac looks with favor upon the general plan of the unification of our missionary work under the Board of the General Synod, but in view of the peculiar circumstances that surround our Synod at this time, when a general spirit of inspiration seems to rest upon it in the way of organizing and carrying forward several plans of general church work, that a change of operations now, it is feared, would at least cast a damper upon her operations, and it is the sense of the Synod that, as in the case of the Eastern Synod, this Synod continue for the present to maintain its present status in carrying forward the missionary operations committed to her charge, looking forward for the time to come in the near future, when the way may be more fully and clearly opened up to enter upon the plan of complete unification proposed by the General Synod.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. APPLE, *Chairman.*

A comparison of the Report of the Treasurer of Home Missions with the apportionments for Home Missions and Church Building Fund, made last year, will show that the following Classes fully met their ap-

portionments for Home Missions: Mercersburg, Juniata, Zion's and Gettysburg, the other Classes failing to do so. None of the Classes seem to have fully met their apportionments for Church Building Fund.

At the election held for members of the several Boards, Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Clever were elected members of the Synodic Board of Missions for the period of four years.

MEMBERS OF THE SYNODIC BOARD OF MISSIONS AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Revs. J. O. Miller and C. Clever, for four years; Revs. T. J. Barkley and J. C. Bowman, for three years; Revs. E. R. Eschbach and W. R. H. Deatrich, for two years; and Rev. L. Reiter, for one year.

ARTICLE XV.

FINANCE.

The Annual Report of the Treasurer of Synod for the past year was presented to the Synod, read, and then referred to the Standing Committee on Finance for the purpose of being audited. The Report is as follows:

HENRY WIRT, *Treasurer, in account with the Synod of the Potomac for the year ending October 14, 1890.*

Dr.	Received.	
From Zion's Classis for Contingent Fundn	\$105 00	
" " Harbor Missions	9 30	
" " Mercersburg College	14 03	
" " Theological Seminary	5 94	
" " College at Wichita	29 92	
" " Bohemian Church	5 83	
" " Church Extension, Baltimore	20 41—	\$190 43
From Maryland Classis for Contingent Fundn	200 00	
" " Harbor Missions	10 00	
" " Mercersburg College	150 00	
" " Theological Seminary	60 00	
" " College at Wichita	5 00—	425 00
From Mercersburg Classis for Contingent Fundn	100 00	
" " Harbor Missions	35 00	
" " Mercersburg College	50 00	
" " Theological Seminary	10 00	
" " deficiency Virginia Classis	45 00—	240 00
From Virginia Classis for Contingent Fundn	60 00	
" " Theological Seminary	5 00—	65 00
From Gettysburg Classis for Contingent Fundn	140 00	
" " Harbor Missions	27 00	
" " Mercersburg College	139 00	
" " Theological Seminary	36 00	
" " deficiency Virginia Classis	54 00	
" " Church Extension, Baltimore	151 00	
" " Beneficiary Education Arrearage	12 00—	519 00
From Carlisle Classis for Contingent Fundn	74 32	
" " Mercersburg College	5 10	
" " Theological Seminary	2 34	
" " deficiency Virginia Classis	5 84—	87 60
From Portland Oregon Classis for Contingent Fundn	27 00—	27 00
From North Carolina Classis for Contingent Fundn	57 00	
Rev. C. U. Heilman for Mercersburg College	10 00	
" " Theological Seminary	1 00	
Rev. L. Reiter " Church Extension, Baltimore	10 00	
" M. L. Firor " " " "	5 00—	83 00
Juniata Classis for Contingent Fundn	100 00	
" " Mercersburg College	50 00	
" " Theological Seminary	13 00	

From Juniata Classis for College at Wichita	\$47 40	
" " " deficiency Virginia Classis	65 00	\$275 40
Total Receipts		\$1,912 43
Balance in Treasury from last year		614 41
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1889.		Expenditures:
October 15, Printing tickets at Carlisle Synod	\$ 75	
October 15, Rev. A. H. Kremer, for expenses of meeting of Synod at Carlisle	25 00	
October 21, Rev. J. O. Miller, for principal on note due York National Bank (\$50) and interest on balance (\$500) for four months (\$10)	60 00	
October 24, Rev. J. O. Miller, travelling expenses as member of the Editorial Commission	6 50	
October 31, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College	45 00	
November 7, " " " " " one year's interest on Stoudenour legacy, due December, 1889	10 00	
December 28, " " " " " one year's interest on Stoudenour legacy, due December, 1889	12 00	
December 28, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, for postage, etc., on forwarding Minutes of Synod	12 00	
1890.		
January 4, Reformed Church Publication House, for printing Minutes of Synod	193 14	
February 21, Rev. J. O. Miller, (\$100) on principal of note at York National Bank and interest on balance (\$400) for four months (\$8)	108 00	
March 8, Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer Maryland Classis for Church extension in Baltimore	5 00	
April 24, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College	101 75	
May 7, Christian G. Gross, Treasurer of General Synod, for balance on apportionment for Bohemian Church	4 82	
May 12, Rev. A. H. Kremer, expenses to meeting of Board of Visitors of Theological Seminary	3 42	
May 12, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, salary as Stated Clerk of Synod	100 00	
May 17, Rev. W. H. Groh, one year's interest on Breckbill legacy, due April 1, 1890	12 00	
June 12, Rev. J. C. Bowman, expenses to Board of Visitors, Theological Seminary	2 75	
June 27, Rev. E. R. Eschbach, expenses to Board of Visitors, Theological Seminary	5 75	
June 28, Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer Maryland Classis for Church extension in Baltimore	18 77	
July 1, Rev. J. O. Miller, Interest on note at York National Bank, (\$400) for four months	8 00	
July 3, Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer Md. Classis, for Church Extension in Baltimore	6 69	
July 3, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College	121 02	
July 16, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College	50 00	
July 28, Rev. J. O. Miller, on principal of note at York National Bank	100 00	
Sept. 15, John B. Roth, Treasurer Theological Seminary	79 26	
Sept. 25, Rev. S. S. Miller, Treasurer Maryland Classis, for Church Extension in Baltimore	111 00	
Oct 4, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College	132 70	
October 4, Charles Santee, Treasurer Board of Missions of General Synod, for Harbor Missions	81 60	
October 4, C. A. Shultz, expenses as member of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary	3 00	
October 4,* Israel Laucks, expenses as member of Board of Trustees of Theological Seminary	2 24	
October 8, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, for Mercersburg College	2 66	
October 8, " " " Beneficiary Education, on account of arrearage of Gettysburg Classis	57 00*	
October 10, Pennsylvania Railroad Co., freight on Minutes of General Synod	70	
October 11, Rev. Wm. M. Deatrick, Beneficiary Education on account of arrearage of Gettysburg Classis	20 00*	
Total expenditures		\$1,501 92
Balance in Treasurer's hands		1,024 92
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		\$2,526 84

* Sixty-five dollars of these amounts were paid last year and this, by the Gettysburg Classis on its apportionment for Deficit of Virginia Classis, and by the Classis designated for Beneficiary Education.

S. C.

Theological Professorship Endowment Account.

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To Cash received from Rev. J. C. Bowman, Superintendent, as follows:		
Maryland Classis.		
St. Paul's Baltimore Charge	\$12 00	
Boonsborough Charge	271 00	
Manor Charge	165 00	
First Church, Baltimore Charge	236 50	
Clearspring Charge	266 75	
Mt. Moriah Charge	31 00	
Cavetown Charge	114 75	
Zion's Church, Hagerstown Charge	527 50	
Mechanicsburg Charge	187 10	
Manchester Charge	15 00	
Jefferson Charge	622 00	
Silver Run Charge	2 00	
Grace Church Washington Charge	20 25	
Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick Charge	125 00	
Union Bridge Charge	31 00	
Woodberry Charge	10 00	
Middletown Charge	50 00	
Third Church, Baltimore Charge	806 00	
Christ Church, Hagerstown Charge	153 75	
Mt. Pleasant Charge	50 00	
Christ Church, Baltimore Charge.	15 00	-\$3,711 60
Zion's Classis:		
Shrewsbury Charge	141 20	
Trinity, York Charge	35 00	— 176 20
Mercersburg Classis:		
First Church, Chambersburg Charge	43 00	
Shippensburg Charge	171 00	
St. Thomas Charge		\$78 75
Greencastle Charge		64 50 — \$357 25
Gettysburg Classis:		
Gettysburg Charge		12 00
Fairfield Charge		225 75
First Hanover Charge		237 50
Littlestown Charge		79 25
Arendtsville Charge		113 00
Lischesys Charge		50 75 — 718 25
Virginia Classis:		
Lovettsville Charge		5 00 — 5 00
Carlisle Classis:		
Carlisle Charge		45 00
Mechanicsburg Charge		173 25
Newburg Charge		210 00
Landisburg Charge		149 75
New Bloomfield Charge		212 00 — 790 00
Juniata Classis:		
Bedford Charge		203 04
Huntingdon Charge		68 50
Yellow Creek Charge		217 00
St. Clairsville Charge		5 00
Friend's Cove Charge		43 50
Sulphur Springs Charge		164 50
Greenfield Charge		517 90
Dunning's Creek Charge		23 00
Water Street Charge		308 50
Everett Charge		7 00
Martinsburg Charge		4 00
Schellsburg Charge		156 50
Clear Ridge Charge		25 00 1,743 44
Miss Eva Shafer, Princeton, Indiana		5 00 — 5 00
Total amount collected		\$7,506 99
Net amount of interest received on investments		1,634 67
Loans paid during year		7,550 00
Balance in Treasury from last year		801 59
Total		\$17,493 25
Cr.		
1889.		
Nov. 4. To cash for Georgia, N. C. & Northern R. R. Bonds	\$2,052 50	
Nov. 11. Hardin Co. Ohio Bonds	1,000 00	
1890.		
Feb. 27. Cape Fear and Yad Valley R. R. Bonds	2,000 00	
May 19. Wabash R. R. Bonds	2,000 00	
June 14. Chesapeake Gas Bonds	2,150 00	
July 5. Hanover Junction, Hanover & Gettysburg R. R. Bonds	1,575 00	
Aug. 5. Chesapeake Gas Bonds	1,085 00	
Oct. 3. Real Estate Mortgage	132 54	
Premiums, Commissions and accrued interest	123 58	
Amount of Endowment Fund invested in Mortgages and Bonds, Oct. 14, 1890, and bearing interest	\$28,407 54	
Premiums on investments	435 00	
Total investments		\$28,842 54
Cash in Treasurer's hands uninvested		5,288 06
Total amount of Endowment Fund .		\$34,130 60

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Hanover, Pa., October 14, 1890.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

The Standing Committee on Finance submitted its report during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received and adopted. The Report is as follows :

The Committee on Finance respectfully offers the following report : The report of the Treasurer of Synod has been audited, and found to be correct according to the vouchers furnished by him.

The following sums were referred to your committee for apportionment among the several Classes: for Home Missions, \$7,000; Beneficiary Education, \$4,000; Church Building, \$1500; General Synod Contingent Expenses, \$486.20; Harbor Missions, \$405.35; Mercersburg College, \$300; Church Extension in Baltimore, \$500; Hungarian Missions, \$300; Elocution in Theological Seminary, \$75; Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod, \$800; making \$15,366.55.

Your Committee recommend the following distribution of these amounts, viz.:

Home Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$1650; Gettysburg Classis, \$1135; Juniata Classis, \$1120; Mercersburg Classis, \$710; Zion's Classis, \$710; Carlisle Classis, \$615; Virginia Classis, \$560; North Carolina Classis, \$325; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$175; making \$7000.

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$1125; Gettysburg Classis, \$375; Juniata Classis, \$850; Mercersburg Classis, \$475; Zion's Classis, \$280; Carlisle Classis, \$495; Virginia Classis, \$400; making \$4000.

Church Building.—Maryland Classis, \$350; Gettysburg Classis, \$225; Juniata Classis, \$215; Mercersburg Classis, \$180; Zion's Classis, \$180; Carlisle Classis, \$150; Virginia Classis, \$150; North Carolina Classis, \$150; making \$1500.

Contingent Fund of General Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$114; Gettysburg Classis, \$70; Juniata Classis, \$70; Mercersburg Classis, \$56; Zion's Classis, \$56; Carlisle Classis, \$56; Virginia Classis, \$40; North Carolina Classis, \$20; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5; making \$487.

Harbor Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$103; Gettysburg Classis, \$60, Juniata Classis, \$60; Mercersburg Classis, \$46; Zion's Classis, \$46; Carlisle Classis, \$46; Virginia Classis, \$30; North Carolina Classis, \$10; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5; making \$406.

Mercersburg College.—Maryland Classis, \$80; Gettysburg Classis, \$40; Juniata Classis, \$50; Mercersburg Classis, \$50; Zion's Classis, \$30; Carlisle Classis, \$25; Virginia Classis, \$25; making \$300.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Maryland Classis, \$125; Gettysburg Classis, \$75; Juniata Classis, \$75; Mercersburg Classis, \$60; Zion's Classis, \$60; Carlisle Classis, \$60; Virginia Classis, \$45; making \$500.

Hungarian Missions.—Maryland Classis, \$60; Gettysburg Classis, \$40; Juniata Classis, \$50; Mercersburg Classis, \$50; Zion's Classis, \$40; Carlisle Classis, \$25; Virginia Classis, \$20; North Carolina Classis, \$10; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$5; making \$300.

Theological Seminary.—Maryland Classis, \$20; Gettysburg Classis, \$12; Juniata Classis, \$13; Mercersburg Classis, \$10; Zion's Classis, \$9; Carlisle Classis, \$5; Virginia Classis, \$5; North Carolina Classis, \$1; making \$75.

Contingent Fund of Potomac Synod.—Maryland Classis, \$200; Gettysburg Classis, \$100; Juniata Classis, \$100; Mercersburg Classis, \$100; Zion's Classis, \$105; Carlisle Classis, \$90; Virginia Classis, \$60; North Carolina Classis, \$50; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$15; making \$820.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

Resolved: That the Stated Clerk be instructed to append a statement of arrearages to this report.

Respectfully submitted,

U. HENRY HEILMAN, Chairman.

ARREARAGES.

The following are the arrearages, as directed by the Synod, found still resting upon the different Classes, namely:

Beneficiary Education.—Maryland Classis, \$502.31; Gettysburg Classis, \$467.75; Carlisle Classis, \$329.03; Juniata Classis, \$159.79; Mercersburg Classis, \$116.11, and Zion's Classis, 22.81.

Mercersburg College.—Zion's Classis, \$205.49; Maryland Classis, \$155; Carlisle Classis, \$149.89, and Virginia Classis, \$140.

Theological Seminary.—Zion's Classis, \$93.91, Carlisle Classis, \$74.67, Virginia Classis, \$48, and North Carolina Classis, \$2.

Contingent Fund.—Carlisle Classis, \$88.99; Zion's Classis, \$56.23; Portland-Oregon Classis, \$18.00, and North Carolina Classis, \$10.

Church Extension in Baltimore.—Juniata Classis, \$120; Virginia Classis, \$90; Carlisle Classis, \$75.45, and Zion's Classis, \$69.59.

Wichita College.—Zion's Classis, \$371.08; Carlisle Classis, \$55.70, and Maryland Classis, \$52.34.

The Classes still in arrears on their respective apportionments for Wichita College were instructed to pay their arrearages as soon as possible, in order that the matter may be concluded without further delay, four years having already elapsed since said apportionments were made.

The attention of all the Classes reported in arrears was called to their arrearages as above set forth, and they were requested to meet them as speedily as possible.

Owing to serious illness, Elder Henry Wirt found it necessary to resign the office of Treasurer of Synod, which was accepted, and Rev. J. C. Bowman was appointed Treasurer for the balance of the term.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted in this connection, viz.:

WHEREAS, It has come to our knowledge that Elder Henry Wirt, the very efficient and faithful Treasurer of this Synod for a number of years, is seriously ill, and unable to take any active part in the work which is so dear to his heart, therefore be it

Resolved. That this Synod hereby extends to Elder Wirt its Christian love and sympathies and prayers, that it cherishes the ardent hope that our merciful Lord may restore him to health again, and that it invokes upon him the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary be requested to transmit to Elder Wirt a copy of this action.

REPORT OF SYNOD'S BOARD⁷ OF TRUSTEES.

The Board of Trustees presented its Annual Report, which was received, amended and adopted as follows, to wit:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: The Synod's Board of Trustees met according to the requirements of its Charter, and organized by the election of Rev. J. T. Rossiter as President, and Rev. D. N. Ditmar as Vice-President and Secretary.

The resignation of Elder Henry Wirt as a member of the Board, in consequence of illness, was presented and accepted, and the vacancy filled by the election of Rev. J. C. Bowman as member of the board.

Your Board offers the following preamble and resolutions for adoption by the Synod :

WHEREAS, The money now in the hands and to come into the hands of the Treasurer of Synod is very considerable ; therefore,

Resolved, That the Treasurer be required to give bond, in the sum of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars.

Resolved, That he be paid an annual salary of one hundred dollars.

Resolved, That the investments of the Treasurer be annually examined by a Standing Committee, appointed at the previous meeting of the Synod, and further, that one member of said Committee shall be a member of the Board of Trustees.

Resolved, That this Committee be required to carefully examine the investments at least one week before the annual meeting of the Synod, and report the result to the Synod.

Respectfully submitted, D. N. DITTMAR, *Secretary.*

Rev. D. N. Dittmar tendered his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees to the Synod, which was accepted, and Elder Edgar Slagle was duly elected by the Synod to fill the vacancy thus occasioned.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Elder George N. Forney was chosen a member of the Board of Trustees of the Synod for the term of five years, from January 1, 1891.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Elder George N. Forney, five years ; Rev. J. T. Rossiter, four years ; Elder J. P. Reed, three years ; Elder Edgar Slagle, two years ; and Rev. J. C. Bowman, one year.

ARTICLE XVI.

APPEALS AND REFERENCES.

Item 7 of the Report on Minutes of Classes was referred to a special committee, composed of Revs. I. N. Peightel, Z. A. Yearick and D. M. B. Shannon, to examine whether the appeal be in order, and if found to be in order, to propose an order of trial. Subsequently the Committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit :

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac : The Special Committee to whom was submitted the papers in the appeal of Rev. H. F. Long, against the action of the Juniata Classis, begs leave to submit the following report : We find the appeal to be in order, and propose the following method of procedure in the trial of the case. 1. That the documents in the case be read. 2. The appellant be allowed twenty-five minutes to present the case to the Synod. 3. The appellee or Classis be allowed thirty minutes to defend its action. 4. The appellant be allowed five minutes to conclude his argument. After this an opportunity be granted to the members of Synod to ask such questions as may give further light on the case. Then the vote of the Synod shall be taken. And further, we recommend that the trial take place immediately after the order of the day already fixed for Saturday morning's session.

Respectfully submitted, I. N. PEIGHTEL, *Chairman.*

The appeal was tried in accordance with the foregoing order, Rev. J. G. Noss acting as attorney for the appellant, and Rev. R. L. Gerhart for the Classis, with the following result :

Ayes, E. R. Deatrick, G. A. Whitmore, S. L. Whitmore, H. Ditzler, C. S. Slagle, F. F. Bahner, G. B. Russell, P. A. Long, C. Wicke, D. M.

B. Shannon, G. Dice, P. Barringer, P. M. Trexler, T. J. Barkley, A. C. Geary, W. I. Stewart, S. Sprinkle and L. S. Dougherty. *Ayes* 18.

Nays, I. N. Peightel, G. Butcher, P. C. Wiest, W. Stuck, I. Laucks, W. Goodrich, U. H. Heilman, T. F. Hoffmeier, A. Shulenberger, A. M. Schmidt, D. S. Firor, W. Roulette, E. Williard, J. H. Remsburg, D. C. Hammett, J. Gassman, A. A. Hammer, A. H. Geiman, G. S. Griffith, J. May, J. A. Hoffheins, G. G. Everhart, J. T. Balliet, J. H. Bauserman, J. H. Hartman, J. L. Firor, J. D. Miller, W. H. Groh, A. H. Kremer, J. B. Shulenberger, J. Wetzel, G. A. Wagner, E. B. Leiby and J. H. Apple. *Nays* 34.

Non liquet.—Z. A. Yearick, T. R. Dietz, J. B. Shontz and D. N. Dittmar.

Notice was immediately given of appeal from the decision of the Synod to the General Synod in the case. The Synod appointed Revs. R. L. Gerhart and S. L. Whitmore to defend its action before the General Synod, should the appeal be prosecuted before that body.

ARTICLE XVII.

COMPLAINTS.

None.

ARTICLE XVIII.

SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

The Sunday-school Board presented its Annual Report to the Synod during the session of Monday afternoon, which was received, amended and adopted, and is as follows:

To the Rev. Synod of the Potomac: Your Sunday-school Board begs leave to submit the following report :

The cause of the Sunday-school has prospered, during the past year, as usual. Advance has been made along all lines in connection with Sunday-school work. This is especially true respecting the line advocated by this Synod concerning the preparation of the Sunday-school Lessons, in accordance with the Church year. The General Synod took favorable action toward the accomplishment of this purpose.

The Board formulated a programme of service and topics for discussion at the Sunday-school anniversary held on Wednesday evening, which has been observed, and will be found in its proper place in the Report of the Committee on Religious Services.

After careful examination, the Board, in accordance with the authority given last year, appropriated \$85 from the funds to the Sunday-school at Falling Waters, W. Va., towards the erection of a suitable building in which to hold Sunday-school and preaching—the amount to be paid as soon as a deed for the lot and property is properly executed to the Board of Trustees of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted, E. R. DEATRICK, *Secretary.*

At the election held for members of the several Boards of the Synod, Rev. W. I. Stewart was elected a member of the Sunday-school Board for the period of five years.

MEMBERS OF THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Rev. W. I. Stewart, five years; Elder G. S. Griffith, four years; Rev. C. S. Slagle, three years; Rev. E. R. Deatrick, two years; and Rev. B. R. Carnahan, one year.

ARTICLE XIX.

CHURCH GOVERNMENT.

On item 2 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Synod, the following report was received and adopted, to wit:

The undersigned, at the request of the late retiring President of the Synod, begs leave to submit the following report with reference to item 1, under the head of *Irregularities* of last year's Report on Minutes of Classes, which was referred to the officers of Synod for examination, with instructions to report at this meeting of the Synod. That the Maryland Classis acted irregularly in appointing an elder on a committee of installation to install a pastor, as charged, we think, does not admit of any doubt. The Eastern Synod, the Ohio Synod, and the German Synod of the East have severally declared and pronounced the appointing of an elder on a committee to install a pastor to be an irregularity. Impliedly at least in one instance, this Synod has already done the same. That the Maryland Classis acted contrary to the usual and *regular* practice, in making the appointment under consideration, must be acknowledged by every one, and therefore acted irregularly, and was guilty of having committed an *irregularity*, as was properly reported, and charged at the last annual meeting of the Synod.

Respectfully submitted,
Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Item 3 of the Report of the Committee on Overtures, and also item 6 of the Report of the Committee on the Minutes of Classes were referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. G. B. Russell, A. H. Kremer and Elder J. H. Bauserman for consideration. This committee subsequently submitted the following report, which was received and adopted, namely :

The special committee to which was referred the request of the Classis of Portland-Oregon, and also the letter of Rev. T. G. De Lyre, in regard to the remains of the disorganized Classis of San Francisco, begs leave to report.

No Classis can be dissolved, without its consent. But the fact is known, which we hereby recognize, that the Classis of San Francisco has fallen into practical dissolution by the withdrawal and removal of a majority of its ministers, so that no legal quorum was left within its bounds. And there is little hope, for an indefinite time to come, of locating enough ministers within its bounds to keep up that classical organization.

It is desirable, however, to provide for the present and future interests of our Church in that part of the Pacific coast. We therefore think it is advisable to commit all these interests, for the present, to the Classis of Portland-Oregon, until such time as it is possible to reorganize the Classis of San Francisco.

Resolved, That the request of the Classis of Portland-Oregon be granted; and, that Classis is hereby accordingly authorized to take charge of all the congregations and church property now within the bounds of the late San Francisco Classis; and also to have full ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the same.

Resolved, That the remaining ministers and congregations of the San Fran-

cisco Classis be recognized, by the authority of this Synod, as regular members of the Classis of Portland-Oregon.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. RUSSELL, *Chairman.*

Items 9 and 10 of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes were referred for consideration to a special committee composed of Revs. C. J. Musser, A. C. Geary and Elder P. C. Wiest. Subsequently this committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted :

To the Rev. Synod of the Potomac :

Your committee to whom were referred items 9 and 10 of the Report on Minutes of Classes would submit the following :

Resolved, That the Virginia Classis be respectfully requested to accept all the apportionments sent down from the Synod, and apportion the same upon its charges.

Respectfully submitted, C. J. MUSSER, *Chairman.*

With reference to the dissent of the Carlisle Classis, as reported in item 15, of the Report of the Committee on Minutes of Classes, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That inasmuch as the Carlisle Classis gave no reasons for its action of dissent from the Synod's deliverance relating to Classical apportionments, the Synod re-affirm its action of last year.

ARTICLE XX.

PUBLICATION.

The following report was submitted by the Stated Clerk, in connection with item 19, of the Report on Minutes of Synod, which was received and adopted :

REPORT ON PUBLISHING THE MINUTES.

The undersigned begs leave to report that he ordered twenty-five hundred copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the Seventeenth Annual Sessions of the Synod to be printed and bound in pamphlet form, as instructed, and distributed them agreeably to the rules and regulations of the Synod in the case. The work was executed by the Reformed Church Publishing House of Philadelphia, Pa., the printing and binding being done by the J. B. Rodgers Printing Company, at the cost of \$193.14; the bill was promptly paid by the Treasurer of Synod. Both the execution of the work and price were unsatisfactory. There was a shortage in the number of copies furnished, and quite a number of them were defective through the carelessness of the binder.

Respectfully submitted, Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

REPORT OF REFORMED CHURCH PUBLICATION BOARD

To the Pittsburgh, Potomac and Eastern Synods :

The Publication Board of the Reformed Church in the United States, in presenting its annual report to the synods named, is pleased to state that your publication interests have been so well conserved, and the relations between the Board and the lessee in such thorough accord, that the necessity for calling the Board together was limited to the one regular annual meeting of September 3, 1890. At this meeting the Executive Committee through the secretary

reported that the books of the lessee and publisher had been carefully examined, verified as far as practicable and found correct in all particulars.

The gross receipts for 1889 show an increase above those for 1888 of upwards of ten per cent., but being within \$40,000, the basis of the guarantee, the treasurer, in accordance with the terms of the contract, received the quarterly guarantee of \$300, as shown by the following report of the treasurer, Geo. W. Hensel, Esq., submitted to the Board :

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

To balance in hands of treasurer per report 1889,	\$1782.06
Dec. 3, 1889, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 3d qr., 1889, . . .	300.00
Feb. 4, 1890, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 4th qr., 1889, . . .	300.00
Feb. 4, 1890, interest received,	65.32
May, 29, 1890, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 1st qr., 1890, . . .	300.00
Aug. 29, 1890, to cash, Rev. Chas. G. Fisher, 2d qr., 1890, . .	300.00

Total in hands of treasurer, \$3047.38

This rapidly-increasing sum in the treasury and the handsome increase noted in the gross receipts of the publishing house emphasize the wisdom of your action in the present disposition of your publication interests, and the Board is encouraged to reiterate its recommendation made last year to preserve the existing arrangements for the eliting and the general management of the *Messenger*, as also for the other publications, believing any change would check their growing popularity and circulation.

This important interest, whose preservation in the past has been a matter of anxious solicitude to you, and whose management and finances have evoked much animated discussion and conflict of opinion at your annual meetings, is to-day in a settled and healthy condition, and only needs the earnest co-operation of the pastors to widen its scope, broaden its literature and largely increase the revenue to the synods during the term of the present lease. The annual revenue received from the lessee and publisher is not the only value this interest possesses to the synods, for with the increase of the revenue, the value of the plant and organization increases and at the termination of the existing lease can command terms corresponding with or even greater than the percentage of growth.

The obligation on the part of the three synods to guard the integrity of the contract with the lessee is clear, and generally understood and appreciated, requiring, therefore, no further influences to encourage pastors and others in their efforts to disseminate and support the authorized literature of the Church, yet the Board, from a purely business standpoint, directs attention to these financial returns, which well directed and persistent effort will yield your treasury.

The attention of the synods is called to the expiration at the end of this year of the terms of the following members of the Board : Hon. John Cessna, of the Synod of the Potomac, and Edward J. Durban, of the Eastern Synod.

G. S. GRIFFITH, President.

PHILADELPHIA, September 20, 1890.

EDW. J. DURBAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

The Standing Committee on Publication, to which the foregoing report had been referred, presented its report, during the session of Thursday afternoon, which was received and adopted, to wit:

Your Committee on Publication begs leave to report that two papers were placed in our hands. *First*, the annual report of the Board of Publication, from which we learn of the continued success of our publication interests

under the present management. *Second*, a copy of the favorable action taken by the Eastern Synod on the same subject, at its last annual meeting, together with an overture to this Synod to discontinue the Editorial Commission, and place the arrangements for editing the *Messenger* in charge of the Board of Publication, under the terms of contract with Rev. Dr. C. G. Fisher.

We recommend the adoption of the following action:

Resolved, That this Synod congratulates the Board on the progress made during the last year.

Resolved, That Synod accede to the wishes of the Eastern Synod, as expressed in its overture.

Resolved, That Synod reiterates its urgent request to its ministry and membership to extend to the publication establishment their cordial co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

I. S. WEISZ, *Chairman*.

The following report was received and adopted:

Your Committee that was charged with the duty of acting with similar committees appointed respectively by the Synods of the United States and Pittsburgh, in the elections of an Editor-in-Chief of the *Messenger*, beg leave to report:

That inasmuch as our commission required the co-operation of a Committee from each of the other Synods just named, and the Eastern Synod having declined to appoint such a committee, it was impossible for your Committee to act in the premises. Respectfully submitted, S. N. CALLENDER, *Chairman*.

The Stated Clerk was directed to have two thousand copies of the Acts and Proceedings of the present sessions, duly authenticated, printed and bound in pamphlet form, and distribute them among those entitled to receive them.

At the election for members of the several Boards of the Synod, the Hon. John Cessna was re-elected a member of the Board of Publication to serve for four years.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF PUBLICATION AND TERMS OF SERVICE.

Hon. John Cessna,	4 years.
Elder G. S. Griffith,	1 year.

ARTICLE XXI.

MISCELLANEOUS.

During the session of Friday forenoon the Standing Committee on Nominations presented its report, which was received and adopted, and a sufficient number of tickets of the nominations were ordered to be printed for the use of the Synod. The election was made the order of the day for the opening of Saturday forenoon's session. At the time designated, the election was held. The result will be found elsewhere, in connection with the action of Synod on the Reports of the Boards of Education, Regents of Mercersburg College, Visitors and Trustees of the Theological Seminary, Missions, Trustees of Synod, Sunday-schools and Publication.

The Standing Committee on Overtures, under item 5, reported a statement of the workings and finances of Bethany Orphans' Home at

Womelsdorf by its Superintendent, which was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, T. F. Hoffmeier, J. H. Hartman, and Elders G. N. Forney and G. S. Griffith. Rev. T. M. Yundt, the Superintendent, being present as an advisory member, was granted the privilege of making a fuller statement of the affairs of the Home, and availed himself of the opportunity extended to him.

The Committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted, viz. :

Your Special Committee appointed to consider the item referred to us from the Committee on Overtures, relating to Bethany Orphan Home, would respectfully offer the following report :

We have examined the Report of the Superintendent of Bethany Orphan Home and would note the following points to which we desire to call the special attention of this body.

We learn from the report that the Home has been in successful operation during the past year. The number of orphans has increased from sixty to eighty-one, which fact at once urges upon us the duty of making larger provision for the increased demands of this Home.

A noble Christian work is being done in this Home in behalf of the orphan children of our Church, where they are not only educated, sheltered and clothed, but above all, we learn that great care is taken to instruct them in the doctrines and duties of our holy religion. The strong claim of this Christian Home upon our charity should find a ready response from our congregations generally. There is at present a deficit of \$1,500 in the treasury, and by one united effort this should speedily be removed. We therefore recommend the following action :

Resolved, That this worthy cause be presented by the pastors to our congregations, and that during the approaching Christmas season, contributions be lifted for the orphans. Respectfully submitted,

D. S. DIEFFENBACHER, *Chairman.*

On motion it was ordered, that hereafter there be annually a standing Committee on Orphan Homes added to the regular Standing Committees.

Item 1 of Report on Overtures was referred to a special committee, consisting of Revs. R. L. Gerhart, I. N. Peightel, U. H. Heilman, and Elders G. N. Forney and C. Wicke. This Committee subsequently reported as follows, which was received and adopted, to wit :

To the Reverend Potomac Synod: DEAR BRETHREN—Your Committee to whom was referred for examination the "Sketch of Dr. Nevin," by Rev. A. R. Kremer, respectfully report :

We have carefully examined the book and heartily commend it to our people, and especially to our Sunday-schools, on account of its fitness to bring home to them in an attractive and interesting way a knowledge of the thoughts, deeds and character of a most noble and heroic man, and also because of its historical and doctrinal importance. R. L. GERHART, *Chairman.*

SOCIETY FOR THE RELIEF OF MINISTERS AND THEIR WIDOWS.

The following statement was presented to the Synod by the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows in accordance with the re-

quest of the Synod, and was ordered to be spread upon the Minutes, to wit:

The officers of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, in compliance with the request of the Society and the desire of this Synod, present for record in the Minutes of the Synod, the following statement of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending October 15, 1890:

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand as per last report	\$2,253.68
Cash from interest	1,736.24
Cash from collections	1,396.15
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	\$5,386.07

EXPENDITURES.

Paid to thirty-one annuitants	\$1,717.43
Paid for investment	1,800.00
Cash on hand	1,832.64
Paid for miscellaneous items	36.00
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	\$5,386.07

Invested fund \$23,918.00.

In the year just closed there have been on the roll of the Society thirty-one annuitants, of which eight were disabled ministers and twenty-three were the widows or dependents of deceased ministers. In the coming year three ministers and one widow will be added to the list of annuitants. Of the cash on hand nearly all of it will be required to meet the appropriations made by the Society at the late annual meeting, and will be paid on or before the close of this year.

In the past year seventeen life-members and four contributing or annual members have been enrolled from the collections and contributions received, to wit:

Life Members: Revs. I. H. Reiter, D.D., G. Z. Mechling, D.D., H. M. Herman, D.D., D. F. Brendle, D.D., Prof. J. B. Kershner, D. G. Klein, Jno. Kretzing, C. S. Slagle, J. M. Mickly, G. A. Snyder, J. M. Evans, F. F. Bahner, H. Talhelm, Robt. E. Crum, A. B. Shenkle, J. H. Hartman and J. H. Derr.

Annual Members: Revs. C. B. Heller, F. Stassner, F. A. Gast, D.D., W. D. C. Rodrock.

W.M. M. DEATRICK, *President.*
T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Secretary.*
S. S. MILLER, *Treasurer.*

The following action of last year was reiterated, to wit:

Resolved, That this Synod hereby expresses its confidence in the present management of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows, and unanimously commends its noble work to the liberal patronage and prayers of our entire Reformed Church.

Resolved, That the special attention of the several Classes be called to the claims of the Society for the Relief of Ministers and their Widows of the Reformed Church in the United States, and that they be requested to instruct all their pastors to lift one collection at least annually in each of their congregations, on some Sunday before October in each Synodical year.

The action of the General Synod at Lebanon, Pa., last June, as noted in item 3 of the Report on the Minutes of the General Synod, with reference to the Society, was heartily endorsed and the Classes were urged to comply with the General Synod's requests in reference to the Society.

At the opening session of Synod, Revs. E. R. Deatrict, J. D. Miller, J. B. Shontz, D. A. Souders, H. A. Bomberger and A. M. Schmidt were appointed a Reportorial Committee, to report the proceedings of the Synod for the public press. Shortly before final adjournment, the Committee presented the following report, which was received and adopted, and the bill of expense ordered to be paid by the Treasurer of Synod:

To the Reverend Synod of the Potomac: Your Committee appointed to report the proceedings of the Synod for the newspapers, begs leave to report that they have attended to the duties assigned them, by sending daily accounts of Synod's work to the *Baltimore American, Sun and Herald*, the *Philadelphia Press*, the *Altoona Tribune*, and to the daily papers of York, at an expense of sixty-eight cents. Respectfully submitted, E. R. DEATRICK, *Chairman.*

In the same connection the following thanks were moved and adopted, namely :

Resolved, That the Synod appreciates the full and very courteous reports of the proceedings of Synod from day to day furnished by the reportorial committee and published by the daily press, for which the Synod hereby extends its thanks to the committee and the papers publishing these proceedings.

At Friday morning's session a committee on leave of absence, was appointed, consisting of Revs. W. I. Stewart, H. Ditzler and Elder S. Sprankle. Just before the hour of final adjournment, the committee reported as follows, which was received and adopted :

Your committee on leave of absence reports that the following members of Synod asked for and obtained leave of absence : Revs. I. S. Weisz, J. H. Apple, and Elders W. H. Adams, G. Butcher, A. H. Beitler and D. C. Hammett, on Saturday afternoon ; and Revs. D. S. Dieffenbacher, R. O'Boyle, D. N. Dittmar, H. Ditzler, I. N. Peightel and Elders T. G. Zarger, G. S. Griffith, A. H. Geiman, A. A. Hammar, C. Wieke, S. B. Fluke, S. Sprankle, E. B. Leiby, P. C. Wiest, J. A. Lefever, G. L. Freet and W. H. Bargelt, on Monday afternoon.

Respectfully submitted, W. I. STEWART, *Chairman.*

The Treasurer of Synod was instructed to pay to the Consistory of Emmanuel Reformed Church, twenty-five dollars to defray the incidental expenses of the Synod.

ARTICLE XXII.

MINISTERIAL NECROLOGY.

The Standing Committee on Ministerial Necrology, appointed at the last annual meeting of the Synod, presented the following report, during the session of Wednesday afternoon, which was received, and adopted in silence, the Synod rising for the purpose, namely :

To the Synod of the Potomac:

During the year just closed, two only of the ministers of this Synod were called away from earth, both of them aged fathers. Rev. F. E. Vandersloot was the son of Rev. F. W. Vandersloot, and was born Oct. 27, 1806.

He was ordained to the holy ministry in 1827, and labored in this calling for several years, serving charges in York and Cumberland Counties, Pa. In 1838 or '39 he retired from the active duties of the ministry, and continued in retirement during the remainder of his life.

His last years were spent at Herndon, Fairfax Co., Va., where, after a long and severe illness, he departed this life, June 19, 1890, aged 83 years, 7 months, and 22 days. His mortal remains were interred in Mt. Vernon Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pa., on the 22d of June.

REV. ELIAS WELTY, M.D.

Was born at Fairfield, Adams Co., Pa., March 21, 1821. He was educated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., which institution conferred upon him the degree of A.M. in 1856. When he was about twenty-two years he began to travel as a licensed preacher of the M. E. Church. He subsequently entered the M. E. Church, South. On account of the failing of his voice, he retired from the active duties of the ministry, and served for awhile as Principal of the Public Schools in Baltimore, Md. He afterwards studied medicine and engaged for some time in the practice of it.

At the annual sessions of the Maryland Classis at Middletown, Md., in 1882, he was received into the ministry of the Reformed Church.

He served for a number of years the Harrisville Charge of the Virginia Classis. His health failed and he returned to Baltimore and lived in retirement, rendering such assistance as he was able in the missionary work in that city, until Thursday, Sept. 4, 1890, when he entered into rest, aged 69 years, 5 months and 13 days. The interment took place at Gettysburg, Pa.

Respectfully submitted, T. F. HOFFMEIER, *Chairman.*

ARTICLE XXIII.

RESUMPTION AND CLOSE.

The following resolutions of thanks were moved and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That the Synod tender its sincere and hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the First or Emmanuel Reformed Church, and other citizens of Hanover, who have so generously entertained us during our stay amongst them, and we invoke the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father to rest upon and abide with them in all their relations of life.

Resolved. That Pastor Bowman be requested to read the foregoing action from his pulpit at his next Lord's Day Service.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the choir of this church for the delightful music rendered during our present sessions.

Resolved, further, That the Stated Clerk be directed to return the thanks of the Synod to the management of the Western Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Gettysburg and Harrisburg Railroads for the favor of reduced rates of fare over their respective roads to the members of Synod.

The Synodical roll was called, and Revs. H. A. Bomberger, G. G. Everhart and W. Stuck were noted absent without permission.

The minutes were then read finally, and approved, and ordered to be engrossed.

ARTICLE XXIV.

ADJOURNMENT.

The following was adopted before adjournment, namely :

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns finally, it be to meet in the First Reformed Church of Chambersburg, Franklin County, Pa., on Tuesday evening, October 13, 1891, at 7½ o'clock.

The next annual meeting will be as a delegated Synod.

The Synod adjourned finally on Monday night, October 20th, at 9 o'clock, with repeating the Apostles' Creed, joining in the Lord's Prayer, singing a doxology and the Apostolic Benediction by the President.

T. J. BARKLEY, *President.*
Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

Official copy from the original Minutes.

Wm. M. DEATRICK, *Stated Clerk.*

STATISTICAL REPORTS.
CLASSIS OF ZION.

MINISTERS.	CHARGES.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.																
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Jacob O. Miller, D. D., Aaron Wanner, D. D., Aaron Spangler, Reuben Rehauer, Israel S. Weisz, D. D., Alfred F. Dreisbach, Phaon W. Wunder, Oliver P. Schilhammer, Henry A. Bomberger, Aaron H. Leisse, Isaac N. Peightel,	First Reformed, York, Kreutz Creek Charge, Trinity Charge, Without Charge, Paradise Charge, Shrewsbury, Mt. Pleasant Charge, Zion's Ch., York, Heidelberg, York, Dillsburg Charge, Grace, York,	1 5 7 — 4 5 1 1 1 4	370 350 530 — 950 650 125 440 322 335 126	218 310 320 — 600 575 79 270 220 146 45	19 37 60 — 89 60 8 30 9 23 6	2 1 4 — 46 45 102 35 12 9 1	36 19 37 — 12 5 9 35 12 9 10	8 215 416 — 890 550 350 350 12 23 10	7 2 4 — 11 6 4 9 4 2 121	10 16 12 — 49 17 6 6 9 241 1	2 5 9 — 100 380 385 350 12 32 121	460 530 370 — 500 380 385 350 400 400 210	\$587 600 172 — 1300 765 24 6 9 88 2	00 00 00 — 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	\$3203 1900 1200 — 1300 1085 875 140 180 88 3342 112 160	00 00 00 — 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00	113 S. Duke St., York, K. 507 W. Market St., York, York, Market St., York, Shrewsbury, York County, do Red Lion, do York, Dillsburg, do Linden Avenue, York, do	Pa. do do do do do do do do do do do do do
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William M. Deatrick, D.D.	Without charge, Supply London charge	2	175	75	19	2	8	1	160	3	5	2	150	\$136 69
Jacob Hassler,	Without charge, 1st Ch., Chambersburg,	1	420	310	16	16	14	322	4	6	1	270	133 57	
Isaac M. Motter,	Without charge, Waynesboro,	3	470	215	16	9	17	11	393	9	14	2	340	238 43
William C. Cremer,	Without charge, Greencastle,	2	357	245	16	2	17	16	290	16	21	9	265	154 00
Franklin F. Bahner,	Without charge, Supply Mont Alto ch.	1	93	43	11	4	22	82	13	4	1	125	1 70 00	
Cyrus Cort,	Without charge, George B. Russell, D.D.	2	131	55	1	2	9	1	99	2	5	4	2 110	
G. W. Aughinbaugh, D.D.	Without charge, J. Wm. Knappenberger,	3	190	83	9	4	13	3	150	2	13	3	200	
George B. Russell, D.D.	Without charge, Simon Wolf,	1	177	63	14	8	30	10	164	1	2	1	196	
McConnell'sburg,	Grindstonehill, 2d Church, Chamb'g,	3	353	248	6	9	17	16	276	17	5	3	196	
Merionsburg,	Shippensburg,	1	200	75	1	7	7	170	6	1	1	151	1 247 90	
Tilghman R. Dietz,	St. Paul's, Waynesboro	2	177	117	9	1	2	159	4	1	2	220	214 65	
Selkirk E. Stofflet,	S'r. Thomas,	3	176	110	1	1	1	139	1	3	113	2 29		
John F. Mackley, M.D.,	Little Cove Church,	1	28	20			25	1	1	2	50	9 36		
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Teriah S. Shade,	Disabled,													
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Thomas J. Barkley,	Gettysburg,	2 371	325	11	1 10	4	310	6	11	220	248 00	2500 00	Hanover, York do			
John H. Hartman,	Lischrys,	4 610	551	52			580	9	9	200	180 00	1010 00	Gettysburg, Adams do			
Franklin A. Guth,	Jefferson,	3 646	630	60			16	2	515	7	2	28	300 00	Codorus, do		
Walter E. Krebs,	Without charge,	3 330	386	17			3	10	7	402	10	6	2	212	Littlestown, Adams do	
Francis H. Herbert,	Abbotstown,	3 700	493	39			1	35	5	600	5	13	3	325	Corporation, do	
Francis S. Lindaman,	Christ Church,	3 318	225	30			1	23	283	5	10	2	180	1	456 00	New Oxford, do
Ambrise C. Geary,	Cashiers Church,	2 359	272	13			1	16	21	349	15	27	4	2	238	Littlestown, do
Benjamin F. Bausman,	Arendtsville,	4 316	153	4			1	6	3	248	4	5	4	226	Fairfield, do	
Diver F. Schaeffer,	East Berlin,	3 513	303	44			8	72	75	447	19	1	17	3	342	Arendtsville, do
Joseph D. Peters,	Second Hanover,														69 00	East Berlin, do
Stanley L. Krebs, Lieu.,															600 00	Littlestown, do

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